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Kim Warns Koreans of Pain Ahead

Trust Me' on Sacrifices, President-Elect Pleads

By Don Kirk

SEOUL - President-elect Kim Dae Jung warned South Koreans on Sunday that they will face "terrible hardships" to rebuild the country's economy and urged the nation to

accept layoffs and other sacrifices.
"If we do well this year, we will be able to get out of this crisis from the middle of next year," Mr. Kim said in a televised meeting with a

sampling of his constituency.

"Please trust me," he said, his voice heavy with emotion. "Just trust me, I know I can do it, just trust me."

He spoke as a delegation of his top economic advisers was flying to New York for critical talks with creditor banks on rolling over more than \$25 billion in dehts.

The two-hour "conversation with citizens" was broadcast live on the nation's four television networks and watched in freezing temperatures by crowds in front of hig-screen television sets at Seoul's central railroad station and in public squares in other

It was Mr. Kim's first major public appearance before his people since he won the presidential election Dec. 18 with barely 40 percent of the vote.

'We're just entering a dark IMF tunnel," he said, referring to the conditions attached to the \$60 hillion

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South Koreans listening Sunday at a railroad station in Seoul as Kim Dae Jung told the nation that if it sacrifices, the crisis could end in mid-1999.

Asia's Economic Model Yields to the Bottom Line

By Nicholas D. Kristof New York Times Service

SEOUL - Sitting in his office just off the factory floor, a week's stubble on his face and weariness in his eyes, Kim Jung Ju eyes his workers carefully, fig-

uring out whom he might lay off next.
'Now the bottom line is everything,' Mr. Kim said mournfully, complaining that the relationships that were the underpinning of Sonth Korean capitalism were dying quickly. "Be-fore, companies that had done business with as for a decade would help as out in times of trouble. But oo more."

So the customers of Mr. Kim's clothing factory are breaking the rules of the game by squeezing him and curbing orders. And he reacts by breaking the rules again and laying off one-third of his 130 employees.

That is the harsh reality of free-market

capitalism, and it might be unremarkable in the United States, But this is Asia, where in the past some nations followed a different economic model, emphasizing not markets but government plan-ning and long-term relationships. That version of capitalism, partic-

ularly the variety developed by Japan and adopted by South Korea, is now widely regarded as a problem rather than a solution. For the present at least, the Asian financial crisis is driving governments and husinesses alike toward a more Adam Smith-inspired, markel-oriented version of capitalism.

While many aspects of East Asia's community ethos will remain, Asian officials and scholars suggest that the region's economies may emerge from the financial crisis looking a hit more like the American economy.

Everybody has been liberating markets to take advantage of globalization and the world economy," said Jusuf Wanandi, chairman of a policy research center in Jakarta. "So we are all moving more to the American model."

The changes are matters of degree, and even modest change will take time. But in Chang Youn Goo's small clothing factory in Seoul, the transition is already apparent. Not only has Mr. Chung laid off a third of his work force, rather than keep them on in hopes for a

rebound as he would have done in the old days, he is now scrutinizing data as much as cultivating relationships.

"Our methods of doing business have changed a lot," Mr. Chung said as he sat at a small table near the factory floor. "We put a lot more emphasis on making sure that we have confidence in the companies we deal with, For companies listed on the stock exchange, for example, we conduct a thor-ough review of their financial standing, because now even the hig companies can go belly up very quickly."

While the changes under way seem breathtaking to a South Korean worker, they still leave the region looking - to

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With Techies Logged On Abroad, Corporate U.S.A. Fills in the Gaps

The rise of global telecommuting

has begun shaping trade policies

By Allen R. Myerson

NEW YORK — The United States has a shortage of techies, but Corporate America has already hit on a response: global telecommuting. U.S. technology companies have created a new realm of international trade by exporting their work and

hiring programmers overseas to do it.
Having already scooped up any U.S. programmers they could by offering them the chance to ride the Internet to work from their homes in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, or Boulder, Colorado, corporations are reaching out to places like South Africa and the Philippines.

So increasingly, the world's commerce involves not just tankers filled with Brent crude or container ships laden with VCRs, but cables buzzing with computer programming code, product designs and engineering diagrams and formulas.

Some companies bring the workers to the work, searching the world for computer specialists will-

Sons Ltd. of India; has 5,000 developers, and can serves on the board of the PRT Group in Barbados, immediately deploy 100 techies on an American a software and computer systems design firm, and

corporation's mission.
India's software exports
have grown from \$225 million in 1992 to \$1.15 billion in 1996, with a goal of \$3.6 billion in

and international relations. Although banks. among other global institutions, have been electronically advantaged for years, the expense has fallen dramatically. Instead of high-capacity leased lines that can cost hundreds or thousands of dollars a month, a phone connection and an In-ternet service provider will often do.

"It's oo longer an international phone call. Now, it's an Internet file exchange," said Esther

ing to come to the United States. But virtual immigration, where the workers stay put, has become far more common, and remains much cheaper.

The software unit of a single company, Tata

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Softstep, a company from Kyrgyzstan Central Asia.

While some global telecommuters, many Americans, work at home, most are clustered in the foreign

quarters of American companies or in the offices of foreign contractors like Tata. Projects can receive round-the-clock attention as they are handed from continent to continent. IBM teams in Europe, India and the West Coast have kept the development of Java software for the Internet going at all hours. Even as the giants like Tata prosper, the Internet is also allowing pipsqueaks to be heard and seen,

offering electronic sales pitches and work samples. Corporations like IBM find themselves hiring tiny foreign firms that could never have found their way through these companies' front doors.

Those specialists who do migrate to the United
States have an advantage in spotting talent hack

Traqi leadership and its people reject this and are ready for jihad. The vice preshome. Under Sanjiv Sidhu, a native of Hyderabad, ident said that a million men and women India, and Sandy Tungare, an executive from Bombay, 12 Technologies of Dallas runs software development centers in Bombay and Bangalore, where the neighbors include Motorola Inc., Inlel Corp. and Hewlett-Packard Co. Software de-velopers who would earn at least \$50,000 in the United States can be paid about a third as much in India, Mr. Tungare says.

The rise of global telecommuting has begun

shaping trade policies and international relations. India, ooce utterly protectionist, has allowed U.S. computer companies to import equipment by the tax-free boatload, and extends all manner of other

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Baghdad **Vows War** To End UN **Sanctions**

Official Call Goes Out For a Million Volunteers To Wage a 'Great Jihad'

By Barbara Crossette

BAGHDAD - The government of President Saddam Hussein declared a holy war against United Nations sanctions on Sunday and asked for a million able-bodied volunteers for military training.

In a gesture that could be interpreted as either another act of bravado on a weekend when Iraq is commemorating the seventh anniversary of start of the 1991 Gulf War or a signal that Mr. Saddam nury actually be preparing for the consequences of his threat Saturday to evict all UN weapons inspectors, the vice president of Iraq called for "a great jihad to lift the sanctions.

The United States firmly rejected the threat of a deadline for weapons inspections to end. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said that the Iraqi president, far from helping end UN sanctions, was digging himsell a "deep-ar holo." er holc.

[''lt's not up to Saddam Hussein to be offering these kind of ultimata,'' she said on NBC, though she also called for a patient pursuit of UN goals.]

The Iraqi move was a direct challenge to Washington and the United Nations disarmament system it was instrumental in creating after the war.

There is no alternative to this after seven years of patience and cooperation with the United Nations and its committees," Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan said Sunday, as reported by the official Iraqi press agency INA.

Instead, America, the guardian of the Security Council and its committees, has been unrelenting in its aggressive position to extend sanctions and expose the Iraqi people to death, starvation and illness," he said. "The would begin weapons training next

The move came on a day when already cool relations with neighboring Jordan - Iraq's overland door to the outside world since flights are banned deteriorated further with the news that a promine ot Iraqi diplomat, Hikmet Hajou, the deputy chief of mission, his wife and six other people were murdered in Amman, the capital of Jordanian, late Saturday night. (Page 7)

The military call-up announced Sun-See IRAQ, Page 7

A Changing Cuba Embraces Catholicism

Pope's Visit Heralds **Growing Tolerance**

By Serge F. Kovaleski Washington Post Service

CATALINA, Cuba - For most of his life, Jorge Perez outwardly embraced the notion of state-sponsored atheism, paying lip service to the communist creed that religion is "the opiate of the masses" and ostracizing those who held faith.

But privately, Mr. Perez found himself drawn to the Roman Catholic

Church and believing that devotion to God would enrich his life more than the piety he was expected to display toward Marxist political ideology. Today, the 37-year-old farmer openly

practices his religioo with little apprehension. He and his family attend weekly prayer services in this weekly prayer services in this agricul-tural town 100 kilometers (60 miles) south of Havana and recently took part in one of the first open-air Masses allowed by the Cuban government since the triumph of the communist revolution here nearly four decades ago. The one Catholic Church in Catalina has seen membership grow in the last few 'As a child of the revolutioo I saw,

and in some ways was responsible for, what it meant to be Catholic," Mr. Perez said. "I mean the fear, the para-nois and the consequences that people suffered through simply for believing in

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poster of Pope John Paul II, who arrives Wednesday for a five-day visit.

God, for trying in find some solace from nominations on this Caribbean island of the problems we have to endure in this 11 million inhabitants.

As Cuba prepares for a five-day visit by Pope John Paul II beginning Wednesday, state intolerance of religious freedom is easing, rousing a heightened interest in Catholicism and other de-

In recent weeks, the charch has been allowed to hold several open-air Masses and public processions. For the first time in 30 years, the state declared last

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AGENDA

Arafat Warns

GAZA CITY(AFP) — Yasser Arafat warned Sunday that violence could return to the region if

'We are ready to return to where

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THE AMERICAS Clinton Testifies for 6 Hours

Of New Uprising

the deadlock in the peace process was not resolved.

we left off and restart the seven years of intifada," the Palestinian leader said at a rally here, referring to the Palestinian uprising that began 10 years ago.

Mr. Arafat is in meet with Pres-

ident Bill Clinton this week.

Hughes on Plath, in Verse

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Bonn Weighs Rewards For Tips on Tax Evaders

Critics Assail Plan Reminiscent of Darkest Past

By William Drozdiak

odious pedigree in Germany. The Nazi dictatorship and East Germany's Communist rulers sustained their power through a network of domestic spies who were encouraged to rat on colleagues, neighbors and even spouses deemed to be "enemies of the state." The prosperous democracy that has

BERLIN - State informants have an

flourished for nearly 50 years as the Federal Republic of Germany has scorned such methods and prided itself on protecting innocent people from vengeful accusers. But with the government losing as much as \$100 billion a year through tax evasion, German authorities are saying drastic measures that carry some sinister overtones from the past may be necessary.

Finance ministers from Germany's 16 states will meet this week to consider plans to offer cash rewards to informants who squeal on suspected tax evaders.

The proposal has unleashed protests that such payoffs would resurrect a "deounciation culture" that has characterized the darker periods of modern Ger-

man history. Civil libertarians warn that angry employees, jilted lovers and abandoned wives would produce an avalanche of accusations that would overwhelm investigators and crode trust

'We must not create a snooper state that reminds us of the unspeakable practices of the Nazis and Communists, Karl-Heinz Daeke, president of the Federation of German Taxpayers. "The smartest thing this government could do is to bury this idea as soon as possible."

With national elections scheduled for September, politicians are reluctant to endorse any tax-collection initiatives that smack of the totalitarian past.

But with the state facing a slide in revenues when it is desperate to trim budget deficits to qualify for the planned single European currency. members of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's center-right government say they have no choice but to wage an all-out war

agains) lax evasion. With top income-tax rates now at 53 percent, wealthy Germans are moving their money out of the country at a record

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Texas Suit, Starring Oprah, Will Test 'Food Disparagement' Laws

By Sue Anne Pressley

Washington Post Service AMARILLO, Texas — On one side is Oprah Winfrey, the talk-show host from Chicago so influential that her fondness for a certain book can send it soaring to the top of the best-seller lists. On the other is a collection of angry Texas cartlemen who contend that Ms. Winfrey and her popular show have hurt their business by hosting a rant on "mad cow" disease — and that she ought to pay dearly for what she and her guests said.

The legal standoff that is to begin Tuesday in a

federal court here on the high, wind-swept plains of the Texas Panhandle already has inspired jokes and derisive comments. But those on both sides of the issue agree that this is a serious battle with farreaching consequences.

It is the first court test of a new wave of "food disparagement" laws — so-called veggie libel laws — now on the books in Texas and a dozen other states. As such, they say, the trial here is important to food producers, food-safety groups, the media and consumers throughout the coun-

Supporters of the laws, which grew out of the

1989 scare involving the use of the chemical Alar American Feed Industry Associanon, a national in apple orchards, say they provide a muchneeded recourse for farmers and ranchers when their products are attacked with unsubstantiated claims. They argue, for example, that while former President George Bush can say he hates broccoli because that is his personal opinion, no one should be able to say broccoli kills people without being able to prove it.

"The laws do not say, "Thou shalt not speak ill of meat and milk,' hut that you'd better be able to stand up in court and prove what you said," said Steve Kopperud, senior vice president of the

trade group for the producers of commercial livestock feed. Critics of the laws, however, say they have a

muzzling effect on free speech at a time when Americans' concern over the safety of their food is growing. They say that if the cattlemen win, a flurry of similar lawsuits, many of them frivolous, and more disparagement laws could ensue.

"This is a historic lawsuit, and it's gening anention because Oprah Winfrey is the defendant,

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After 35 Years, the Poem of Sylvia and Ted

By John Burgess ashington Post Service

ONDON - For 35 years they have been awaiting an explanation, sometimes growing angry over the delay. Devotees of the poet Sylvia Plath, who committed suicide in a London apartment in 1963, have wanted to hear from her husband, a fellow poet, who had separated from her shortly before she died.

But Ted Hughes kept silent. He got on with his life. He became Britain's poet laureate. Along the way he offered hardly a word about his and Plath's failed seven-year marriage and what role he might have played in the final despair of a woman who became an icon of the feminist movement. Now the

Mr. Hughes is telling his story of their life together in verse, 198 pages of it, starting from the moment he scanned a news photo of young American Fulbright scholars, newly arrived in England in 1955, and wondered idly if he might meet any of them. Prepared in secrecy, the book "Birthday Letters" was excerpted in The Times bere Saturday and instantly became the talk of the literary world, though sales will not begin until the end of the month. "It sounds very exciting," said the poet James Fenton. "Good for him, I say, that he's managed to put together so many poems about this subject and allowed us to see them."

Today, Mr. Hughes is 67. Tall and craggy, he writes verse for state occasions, campaigns for river conservancy and gives readings in a voice that could only belong to one of his calling. But for all his accomplishments, his long-ago link with a bigger name is a large part of who be is in the literary

Writing up to her death in 1963. Plath nsed jarring, sometimes morbid images to convey feel-ings of loneliness and general powerlessness of a woman in postwar America. Her work rang true to more and more people in the 1970s and '80s, notably feminists, and she became one of the bestselling poets of the century, a posthumous Pulitzer

Mr. Hughes's defenders say Plath was unstable from the beginning — she had tried suicide before their marriage — and drove him out of the house. But for the past 35 years, be has been subjected to constant, often vicions bostility from people wbo variously consider him beartless, responsible for her suicide or a symbol of male domination in

Vandals hacked his surname off ber headstone in Yorkshire; someone once piled his papers on floors in several rooms of his bome and set fire to them.

Andrew Motion, a poet and critic bere, doubts that Mr. Hughes's hard-core critics will be swayed by the poems in "Birthday Letters." But Mr. Motioo, who knows Mr. Hughes, says that the verse proves the man's deep tenderness. "You can't read

KAMBU BRIDGE, Kenya —

Kenya's vital road link between the

capital, Nairobi, and the port city of

Mombasa was open Sunday, but beavy

rains have created one of the biggest

"We are moving," the chief engineer for the Kenyan road system said, "but you might oot notice." He was speaking

at the bridge over the Kambu river,

about 250 kilometers (155 miles) from

in storms that lasbed Kenya on Thurs-

day and Friday, but there was enough of

the structure remaining Sunday for ve-

hicles to make a precarious crossing.

Early Bird

Part of the bridge was washed away

Nairobi on the way to Mombasa.

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Plath, who committed suicide in 1963, and Hughes, who went on to become poet laureate, were married seven years. Now he is telling the story of their life - in verse.

It was a tumultuous bond from the start. Their first meeting, in February 1956 at a boozy London party for the launching of a new magazine, has passed into literary legend. Details vary, but they apparently retired to a back room where Mr. Hughes appears to have kissed Plath bard and ripped off ber scarf, and she to bave responded by biting him on

In his new verse, Mr. Hughes writes of leaving for good

E MADE AN IMPRESSION on her. too. She wrote a few days later to her mother that be was "the only man I've met yet here who'd be strong enough to be equal with --- such is life.'

poems stuffed in the pockets.

For safety and went in a barrel together Over some Niagara ...

standstill at Kyulu, about 60 kilometers

further east and a traffic jam stretched

for some 25 kilometers along the main

highway that passes through Tsavo Na-

86 people had been killed by the floods

and the Sunday Standard newspaper put

There were conflicting police reports over the period during which the deaths occurred. The police said Saturday that

the toll was for a 24-bour period but

senior police officers said separately

that the toll could be for a three-month

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the toll at 91.

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and smooth as a fish. You were a new world. My

new world. They married in June 1956. In later years, they moved to the United States, then back to London. They had two children. Along the way, they became perhaps the premier literary couple of the time. She published her first book of poems, "The Colossus," in 1960. In 1963 came an autobiographical novel. "The Bell Jar," draw-ing on the despair that led to her first suicide attempt.

But they never found a settled oest, traveling frequently. Tension began to ap-

pear at home.
All the time, deeper rage and frustration were spilling out in ber writing. Many of Mr. Hnghes's critics see him in some of it. Her poem

'Daddy'' focuses on feelings of love and abhorrence for her father, who died when she was g, but her husband seems to appear in the

The vampire who said he was you And drank my blood for a year. Seven years, if you want to know

words as well:

In 1962, involved with another woman, Mr. Highes moved out. He left Plath caring for their two One night in February that year, she turned on the

gas in the kitchen. She was found dead the next morning. Mr. Hughes inherited rights to ber works and later edited and published some of them. His career advanced — he became poet laureate in 1984 — but the sniping continued. At times be responded to critics in letters to newspapers, but for the most

part he let it go.

"That silence seems to confirm every worst suspicion," he wrote in a 1989 letter. "I preferred it, on the whole, to allowing myself to be dragged out into the bull-ring and teased and pricked and goaded into vomiting up every detail of my life with Sylvia," according to "The Silent Woman: Ted

Hinghes and Sylvia Plath" by Janet Malcolm. But now, for reasons he hasn't explained, Mr. Hnghes is giving a detailed account, in poems that were written over a quarter-century.

Mr. Motion, one of the few people to have read the full work, says the poems' complexity increases as Mr. Hnghes moves toward Plath's death. "You feel it's written in a burning, continuing process — like she's just left the room," he said.

U.S. Gave British Data To IRA, Ex-Envoy Says

He Calls Dublin Ambassador an Adams 'Agent'

By Warren Hoge New York Times Service

LONDON - A former American ambassador to Britain has accused the Clinton administration of leaking British intelligence on Northern Ireland to

the Irish Republican Army.

He also said that the current United States ambassador to Ireland, Jean Kennedy Smith, was an "ardent IRA apologist" who had to be restrained from meddling in the affairs of the North, which is a part of the United Kingdom.

Raymond Seitz, the U.S. envoy in London from 1991 to 1994, says in a memoir to be published next week that in late 1994, British security became so suspicious of the White House that it began to hold back sensitive informa-tion. Early that year, President Bill Clinton approved the visa application of Gerry Adams, bead of the Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing, an act that Mr. Seitz had strongly advised against. "Through the following months, the

Clinton White House made one concession after another (fund-raising, of-ficial recognition, high-level meetings, presidential photos and so forth), and again and again it backed away from its own conditions, usually over the furious objections of the British," Mr. Seitz writes, in an excerpt from the book published in The Sunday Telegraph. "In this fractious atmosphere, London even stopped passing sensitive intelligence to the White House because it often

seemed to find its way to the IRA."

The "conditions" Mr. Seitz referred to were demands that Mr. Adams resisted: to renounce violence and commit himself to a joint declaration that the British and Irish prime ministers had agreed to weeks before in an effort to get Sinn Fein to join peace talks.

"America, which had suffered so often at the hands of terrorists around the world, should have been the last place to offer a platform to Gerry Adams, but in the end this is what the president did," Mr. Seitz writes.

He said the appointment of Mrs. Smith as envoy to Dublin was clearly a political favor to her brother, Senator Edward Kennedy. Even understanding that "Dublin had always been a plaything for American presidents who wanted to score a point or two with the Irish-American electorate," Mr. Seitz said, he felt the selection was "curious oot because of Mrs. Smith's inexperience but because she was both willful and skittish, a dangerous mix. From Clinton's point of view, however, a

Kennedy was a Kennedy."

He said she became a "promotion agent" for Mr. Adams and added, "Too shallow to understand the past and too naive to anticipate the future, she was an ardent IRA apologist." When she insisted oo making contacts in Belfast, he "Kennedys have a hard time absorbing

refusal," he said. Mr. Seitz, a career foreign service officer in a post usually given to political appointees, was a popular ambassador with the British, and he bas remained in London as vice chairman of Lehman Brothers and a frequent contributor to British news outlets on Anglo-American subjects. He was appointed by President George Bush but

remained in office under President Clin. ton until his replacement by Admiral William Crowe, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Asked for comment, Mrs. Smith said in Dublin, "History will be the

In London, the prime minister's of-fice, the Foreign Office and the Northem Ireland Office all said they were barred from comment by "long-standing policy to not discuss security is-

Mr. Adams was to meet with Prime Minister Tony Blair on Monday to discuss the peace talks in Belfast. Of particular concern is the opposition that Sinn Fein announced over the weekend to a British-Irish plan for Northern Ireland introduced at the talks last week as a possible basis for a settlement to the Catholic-Protestant conflict. The plan called for the creation of

several legislative and consultative bodies that would further ties between Belfast and Dublin, a Catholic objective, while validating the province's status as a part of the United Kingdom, a Protestant goal.

Sinn Fein is a participant in the talks because the IRA resumed a lapsed cease-fire in July and Mr. Adams and his associates pledged themselves to

4th Catholic Killed in Ulster

A Protestant guerrilla group in Ulster claimed another victim Sunday, Reuters ported.

The unionist Loyalist Volunteer Force claimed responsibility for the killing of an unidentified man who was found dead in the small town of Ma-

The group has claimed four killings of Catholics in revenge for the Dec. 27 murder of its leader by a dissident Irish

Pope Chooses 22 Cardinals

Compiled in Our Saff From Departues

VATICAN CITY -- Pope John Paul II, again putting bis conservative stamp oo the Roman Catholic Church, on Sunday appointed 22 Roman Catholic cardinals, the elite group of prelates who can choose a new Pope after his death.

Cardinals are the Pope's closest advisers in Rome and around the world. Those under 80 can enter a conclave to elect a oew pontiff.

With the nominations, the Pope has named about 88 percent of the "cardinal electors." This increases the possibility that his successor will be a conservative in his own image who will not change troversial Church teachings.

The ceremony to consecrate the cardinals, known as a consistory. will be held Feb. 21.

The Pope said the names of two of the new cardinals would remain secret for the time being. This is done occasionally to protect the identity of cardinals, usually for political reasons.

■ The New Cardinals

Francis Eugene George, archistop of Chicaga: James Francis Slufford, president of the Pontifical Council for the Lathy: Aloystus Matthew Ambrazic, archistopa of Viennez Norcherts Riverz Carren, archistopa of Mexico City: Antonie Maria Rouco Varela, archibishop of Genou: Salvatore De Giorgi, archibishop of Genou: Salvatore De Giorgi, archibishop of Salvatore De Giorgi, archibishop of Rouco Salvatore De Giorgi, archibishop of Beto Hortzonte, archibishop of Beto Hortzonte, Salvatore De Salvatore De Genous Salvatore De Salvatore De Giorgi, archibishop of Beto Hortzonte, Salvatore De Salva

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(Reuters, AP)

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this book without being absolutely swept away by his feelings for her," he said.

the party with a swelling ring-moat that was to brand my face for the next month/The me beneath it

She was 23 at the time, a graduate of Smith College who was already a prize-winning writer. He was a Cambridge University graduate in English and anthropology, a sometime rose gardener given to cruising around London in a corduroy jacket with

Some of the excerpts published Saturday recount the courtship. He writes of an early walk around London with her:

We clutched each other giddily

Vital Kenyan Road Reopens, but Vehicles Are Mired the busiest in Africa, with thousands of trucks carrying goods from the port city But transport had come to a complete not say when the first death from floods to the east African heartland.

Trucks from Zambia, Burundi, Rwadriving. But after being stuck deep in the nda and Uganda were bogged down in quagmire for the past two days, drivers

A Keoyan official said it wou months to repair the damage.

"We will do it but it will be a big struggle." he said. "I think a low estimate is that it will take 2 billion skillings (\$33 millioo) to get the road back

to normal." The rains, which Kenyan meteorological department officials attribute to the El Niño weather phenomenon, have virtually washed away what remained

of the tarmac for huge stretches.

TRAVEL UPDATE

The Mombasa-Nairobi road is one of

The traffic jam was caused by a com-

"Most of these problems was caused

because everybody tried to go by him-

self," said a policeman at the scene. "If

people drive with more conperation, we

Hundreds of trucks, many carrying

perishable goods, to or from Mombasa,

have been stuck for days - their car-

binatioo of terrible roads and worse

Maine Comes Slowly Back to Life

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) - Clouds gave way to sunshine over the weekend as utility crews labored in frigid cold to restore service to thousands of people in their 10th day without

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Maine's two largest electricity providers said that a few areas blacked out by last week's ice storm were fully back on line or close to it, although some summer homes might not see electricity until spring. In northern New York state, about 61,000 customers were still waiting for power.

Heathrow-London Rail Link Opens

LONDON (Reuters) -- The British airport operator BAA PLC says it will open the first leg of its Heathrow Express rail ink between the airport and central London on Monday. Airline passengers will get free travel on a trial FastTrain service, taking them from Paddington station in west London to Europe's biggest international airport in just 30 minutes. A fare of £5 (\$8) each way will be charged as of Jan. 26.

Swissair is cutting economy fares by as much as 39 percent on some flights to Asia as financial turmoil in the region has led to a fall in sales.

(Bloomberg) This Week's Holidays

Banking and government offices will be closed or services curtailed in the following countries and their dependencies this week because of national and religious holidays: MONDAY: Ethiopia, New Zealand, Puerto Rico, United States, Virgin

TUESDAY: Brazil, Guinea-Bissau, Mali. WEDNESDAY: Barbados, Dominucan Republic Sources: J.P. Morgan, Bloombers

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Ancient Copper Statue Is Restored in Egypt

CAIRO — The Egyptian Museum on Sunday put on display one of the world's oldest known metal statues, cast for a pharaoh more than 4,000 years

Egyptian and German archaeologists finished restoring the copper statue of Pharaob Pepi I, a ruler of the Sixth Dynasty, earlier this month after one and a half years of work.

"This is one of the rarest statues discovered in Egypt made of copper," said Mohammed Saleh, the museum director. "The copper was hammered on a core in different pieces that were assembled by nails. This technique shows the technology ancient Egyptians

used with all the details of the face and body," he said. Rainer Stadelmann, director of the Ger-

man Institute of Archaeology in Cairo, said the statue was so corroded it had to be restored with a machine similar to one used by a dentist to remove plaque." "No chemicals were used on this wonderful copper statue," be added.

al statues but this is the one that survived. Pepi was one of the most important rulers and the sensation was that was a cast and not hammered."

"We know that other pharaohs had met-

The statue, about 50 centimeters (20 of Pepi I, currently being restored.

inches) tall, was found in 1889 cocooned inside a life-size copper statue

WEATHER:

Because of transmission problems, the weather report is not available. The IHT regrets any inconvenience.

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Face to Face With Paula Jones, Clinton Defends Himself for 6 Hours

By Peter Baker Washington Post Service

RA. Ex-Envoys WASHINGTON - With Paula Jones staring him in the face, Bill Clinton has testified for about six hours about the sexual barassment allegations that have generated the spectacle of a U.S. president forced to explain his conduct with women.

Mr. Clinton testified Saturday in the offices of his lawyer, answering ques-tions under oath about whether he propositioned Mrs. Jones in a Little Rock, Arkansas, hotel suite nearly seven years ago and later punished her for rejecting his advances.

Never before has a serving president been interrogated as a defendant in a

The session was closed to outsiders and details were scarce because the judge in the case, Susan Webber Wright of U.S. District Court, forbade participants to discuss the session. Neither Mr. Clinton nor Mrs. Jones commented afterward, ignoring reporters who converged on Washington from as far away as Japan and Ger-

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But people close to the case said before the deposition began that Mr. Clinton planned to testify that he did not remember meeting Mrs. Jones and would deny having harassed her, although he was willing to concede they may have met alone at the Excelsion

Hotel in 1991. It was a session that Mr. Clinton had vigorously fought to avoid at least until after his term expires. But in the end, the Supreme Court ruled unanimously last year that even sitting presidents could be taken to court and forced Mr. Clinton to answer the charges from



Mrs. Jones, right, and her adviser, Susan Carpenter-McMillan, facing the press before the deposition.

Mrs. Jones, a former low-level state

clerk from Lonoke, Arkansas. "I feel so proud to be an American, to know that this judicial system works, to know that a little girl from Arkansas equal to the president of the United States," Mrs. Jones said before the session, according to her adviser and spokeswoman, Susan Carpenter-Mc-

The raucous scene outside the law offices of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom was reminiscent of the

chaos that surrounds celebrity trials. As Mrs. Jones arrived in a taxi, she was immediately set upon by scores of re-

porters and photographers.
For his part, Mr. Clinton traveled the two blocks from the White House in a motorcade protected from the news

The deposition marked the first time in the case that Mr. Clinton has told his side of the story. Recorded on videotape, his answers can be played at the trial that is scheduled to begin May 27.

Mr. Clinton sat at one end of a long table in an 11th-floor conference room, with the video camera positioned at the far end, a person familiar with the case said. Mrs. Jones and her six lawyers sat along one side, while a smaller contingent of lawyers for the president sat

along the other.

While maintaining that he did not harass Mrs. Jones, Mr. Clinton did not intend to challenge the account of his bodyguard, a state trooper named Danny Ferguson, who has testified that

he escorted Mrs. Jones to the hotel suite that day, people close to the case said. By doing so, he would acknowledge that she may have been in the room with bim, but his lawyers would rely on Mr. Ferguson's assertion that Mrs. Jones sought out the meeting, commented admiringly on Mr. Clinton's looks and afterward offered to be "the governor's girlfriend."

Even beyond the facts of the event in dispute, the questioning promised to be uncomfortable. Mrs. Jones's lawyers were looking into some of the most intimate details of his personal life, including reports from women who have testified that they had affairs or received unwelcome advances from Mr. Clinton, according to one person

familiar with the questioning.

Mr. Clinton's lawyer, Robert Bennett, wanted to shield the president from the most embarrassing inquiries into his personal life and has argued that extramarital relationships are not relevant to a sexual harassment case. Mrs. Jones's lawyers wanted to prove n panern of behavior that would bolster the credibility of her assertions.

During a deposition, lawyers are given far more latitude than they would have in a trial to explore subjects that might not be directly related to the allegations in a lawsuit.

How much of what they learned would ultimately be usable remained less clear, "If they can show that every week he invited some woman to a hotel room who's an employee of the state and propositioned her, then it's more likely they could get it in," said Vicki Golden, a Washington lawyer who spe-cializes in sexual harassment suits. 'That be had some alfairs?' That gets

In the view of several people close to the case, the deposition removed one of the last motivations for an out-of-court settlement. Because they assume the videotape of the deposition will eventually lind its way into the public domain, Mr. Clinton's advisers consider the damage to the president's reputation already done.

At this point, the consensus in the Clinton camp is that the public has made its judgments about the president's behavior and therefore his best shot at minimizing the impact in the history books would be a victory at

Mrs. Jones, now 31, was a \$6.35-anhour state clerk working at the registration desk at a government-sponsored "quality management" conference at the Excelsior Hotel on May 8, 1991, when Mr. Clinton, then governor of Arkansas, arrived to give a speech. She says that she later was approached by Mr. Ferguson, who told her the gosernor wanted to meet her and escorted her to a hotel suite furnished as an office. She says she went along thinking she might be offered a job, but discovered otherwise once she found herself alone in a room with the gov-

According to her lawsuit, Mr. Chnion exposed himself and requested oral sex. Mrs. Jones refused and left, the said, and later told friends that the governor had made a pass at her

Mrs. Jones did not file her lawsuit until three years later, after a magazine identified a woman named "Paula" as an alleged Clinton paramour, She originally asked for \$700,000 in damages, although more recently she has offered to settle the case if she is given \$2 inillion and an apology.

POLITICAL NOTES

No Solid Evidence In Babbitt Inquiry

WASHINGTON - Justice Department investigators bave not turned up evidence that Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt lied to Congress about a campaign fund-raising controversy, department officials have said.

The investigators are expected to recommend that Attorney General Janet Reno seek an independent coun-

sel in the matter, they said. Officials said the inquiry thus far has been unable to prove that Mr. Babbitt intentionally perjured himself or that he had anything to lie about. The investigation has produced only unanswered questions, and that is enough to trigger an independent flavor.

A recommendation to Ms. Reno could be drafted by the end of the month, and she will have until Feb. 11

to make a decision.

That date would mark the end of a That date would mark the chu of a 90-day preliminary inquiry into the allegations against Mr. Babbitt. Under the Independent Counsel Act, Ms. Reno is obliged to seek an outside prosecutor at the end of that period unless she can show there are no reasonable grounds for further inves-

rigation.

Mr. Babbitt has offered several contradictory accounts of his role in a 1995 Interior Department decision to reject an Indian casino project. The casino was opposed by rival tribes that contributed nearly \$300,000 to the Democratic Party. (WP)

New Governor Urges Unity in Virginia

RICHMOND — James Smart Gilmore 3d called for a new era of civility and unity in Virginia politics as he was inaugurated as the state's 68th governor, climaxing a week of leg-

islative skirmishes that cemented the growing power of the Republicans.

In an 18-minute address Saturday Mr. Gilmore broke little new ground. though with a flourish he signed an executive order creating a higher edu-cation commission and promised to veto any legislation to alter the welfare-to-work program that his Republican predecessor, George Allen, set in motion.

The new governor also hailed Virginia's 95,000 state government workers - who often were the snbjects of barbs from Mr. Allen - saying they "need to know that they march by my side."

. The festivities, which began with a prayer breakfast that drew more than 900 people to a downtown hotel, had a strongly religious and conservative

took a lot of thought, and be is sending a signal that be is committed to spiritual and moral values," said the Rev-erend Jerry Falwell, who was among

the guests.

While reiterating the auti-tax message that drove his campaign, Mr. Gilmore adopted a studiously mild tone in his speech.

(WP)

Quote/Unquote

Laura Nichols, communications director for Representative Dick Gephardt, the House Democratic leader who last month accused President Bill Clinton of conducting a government of timid ideas and neg-lecting the country's major chal-lenges, but who on Saturday had a private dinner with Al Gore at the vice president's mansion. "If you lead a president's mansion: "If you look at what Gephardt said in his speech, he was raising many of the issues that are beginning to be addressed in the president's agenda. Now that the budget is nearly balanced, we ought to be looking at how we can start going back to the issues that our party cares about. We won. We're happy." (NYT)

Republicans Forgo Abortion Penalty

By Richard L. Berke New York Tones Service

INDIAN WELLS, California -After an unusually passionate debate that amplified tensions in the party, the Republican National Committee has spurned a proposal to withhold money from candidates who do not oppose lateterm abortion. It was the first big defeat in nearly two decades of the party's most ardent opponents of abortion on a major

proposal before the national committee. Committee members, by a vote of 114 to 43, adopted a substitute proposal that condemned the late-term abortion procedure but eliminated the earlier language that had made opposition a prerequisite for party funds. The adopted resolution says that the party "commits to banning this heinous procedure from

America forever.' There was no vote on the original resolution. Republican leaders at the party's winter meeting here had moved aggressively to defeat the measure, fear-ful that the resolution would drive cen-

trists from the party.

In a dramatic gesture, Representative
Henry Hyde of Illinois, the most outspoken foe of abortion in Congress, was
summoned here from Washington by

party leaders to warn that the resolution was politically unwise and could threaten the party's hold on Congress.

"We need more than resolutions and manifestoes in vain against partial-birth abortion." Mr. Hyde said before the vote. "We need laws. We need to pass laws. We need converts. We need to convince people that human life is pre-

The matter is so sensitive that the House speaker, Newt Gingrich, did not take a position on the resolution. But Mr. Gingrich, Republican of Georgia, asserted that the resolution had been "a tactical mistake" that undermined the party's efforts to put Democrats on the

defensive on the issue.

Tim Lambert, the Republican national committeeman from Texas who proposed the resolution, said its failure demonstrated the triumph of pragmatism over principle and could mean trou-

he found in an extensive study, is that

they were twice as likely as younger people to have accidents while turn-

ing left across traffic. He linked this to

poor depth perception and slow re-

Newborns in Georgia often come home from the hospital with a bag of

free goodies: baby wipes, diapers, in-

structions about breast feeding. Now

Governor Zell Miller wants to throw

in something extra: a cassette tape or compact disc of classical music.

vinced that Bacb and Mozart can

stimulate brain development at very

early ages. That is why he included in his \$12.5 billion state budget plans to

spend \$105,000 to make music avail-

able to each of the 100,000 children born in Georgia each year, The New

Mr. Miller, the author of an en-

cyclopedia of the state's musical his-

tory, says his own experience per-suaded bim that there was a link

between early music and later braininess, whatever some scientists say.

north Georgia, be said, "Musicians were folks that not only could play a

fiddle but they also were good me-

During his budget address last week, Mr. Miller played a bit of Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" on a tape

recorder, then asked legislators, "Now, don't you feel smarter already?" If not smarter, some said, at

Brian Knowlton

chanics. They could fix your car."

Growing up in the mountains of

York Times reports.

least they felt better.

The governor, a Democrat, is con-

ble for Republicans in the midterm elections this year. Mr. Lambert said the people who opposed his resolution "are going to have to go bome and say, 'I'm pro-life but I voted that we continue to give money to candidates who support

don't think it's going to work." In partial-birth abortion a surgeon pulls the fetus out of the birth canal feet first, punctures the head, removes the

brain and collapses the skull so the fetus can be removed vaginally.
In a two-hour debate Friday night,

abortion was an unacceptable proce-

national party should punish candidates who do not oppose it.

Betsy DeVoss, chairwoman of the Michigan Republican Party, offered the substitute resolution. But she remained critical of Republican elected officials who have not opposed late-term abortions, calling on Governor Christine Todd Whitman of New Jersey, in particular, "to support the ban on this awful procedure." The governor vetoed a

state ban on late-term abortions. But the party chairman from Colorado, Steve Curtis, spoke in favor of the original resolution, calling its rejection party members agreed that late-term "bypocrisy of the highest order."

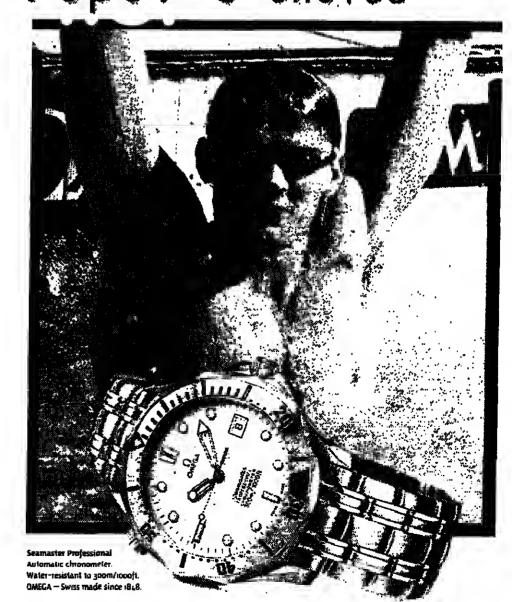
Away From Politics

 A psychiatrist who received a oneday extension to reconuttend whether Theodore Kaczynski is competent to stand trial has completed her report on the Unabomber suspect, the court clerk at Sacramento, California, said. (AP)

 The number of women who become pregnant unintentionally dropped by 16 percent from 1987 to 1994, according to a study by the Alan Guttmacher Institute

 Timothy McVeigh's attorneys have appealed his conviction on murder and conspiracy charges in the Oklahoma City bombing, citing pretrial publicity and alleging errors by the judge. (WP)

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TOPICS

At Dr. King's Birthplace, A Paradoxical Legacy

Residents of Auburn Avenue in Atlanta, the street where Martin Luther King Jr. was born, have seen good

times and bad. · But in recent years, many of the good things the civil rights leader accomplished have had a bad impact on the avenue.

"Dr. King's legacy, if you will, is the paradox of Anburn Avenue," said Alexis Scott-Reeves, who works on the avenue.

"Desegregation, which we sorely needed, led to a fracturing of the community. What has happened has been good overall. But for dear Anburn Avenue, it has left a chink in its shining armor."

Auburn Avenue was dubbed "Sweet Auburn" by the early civil rights leader John Wesley Dobbs because of the opportunities it afforded blacks even in the days of strict segregation.

'It was the yellow brick road for black dreamers in the South in the 1930s and '40s,' said Gary Pom-erantz. whose book "Where erantz, whose book "Where Peachtree Meets Sweet Auburn" chronicles Atlanta's racial, social and

political history.
It was a place where blacks could

own businesses, get a good education at nearby black colleges and prosper. There were black-owned nightclubs where such musical greats as Cab Cal-loway and Duke Ellington performed. There were big churches and fancy restaurants. "Anburn Avenue," said a former Atlanta mayor, Maynard Jackson, who is Mr. Dobbs's grandson, "was a living lab for Martin Luther

King Jr.'s dreams." But in the 1960s, as the civil rights movement headed by Mr. King began to realize those dreams — and blacks became able to move and work where they wanted - many left, and the avenue began to decline.

"It was," said Mr. Pomerantz, "a necessary though regrettable price for

freedom. Now, the Martin Luther King Jr.
National Historic Site and the King
Center for Nonviolent Social Change. huilt near his birthplace, are the city's most popular attractions, although

visitors rarely linger.

Atlanta is still looking for ways to build on the name of King, who is honored across the United States on Monday.

Short Takes

Not surprisingly, the highest automobile accident rates, per mile driven, involve teenagers and drivers 70 or older. But while teenagers' accidents are often related to speeding or nighttime driving, older drivers tend to drive more slowly and avoid night driving, said Larry Cook, who analyzes traffic problems for the Utah

state government.
The big problem facing the elderly,

infanticide.' That may sell inside the Beltway but out in the hinterlands 1

By Steven Lee Myers New York Times Service

BEIJING — On the eve of his departure for speaking on condition they not be identified. Asia last week, Defense Secretary William Cohen pressed the Clinton administration to let a U.S. weapons maker sell spare parts to China, despite a ban on sales of military equipment imposed after the 1989 massacre of Tiananmen Square demonstrators, administration officials say.

Mr. Cohen did not advocate a general lifting of the sanctions, the officials said, but rather suggested making an exception in the case of Sikorsky Aircraft, which makes Black Hawk helicopters.

Sikorsky, which sold 24 unarmed Black Hawks to the Chinese military in 1984, has been lobbying the administration to allow it to sell replacement engines and other parts to Beijing, arguing that these should oo longer be considered military equipment prohibited by the sanctions.

In discussions leading up to Mr. Cohen's three-and-a-half-day visit to China, which began

Saturday evening, the administration rejected the idea as premature, and the defense secretary agreed to support that decision, the officials said.

In an interview during his 12-day tour of Asia,

The officials said, though, that the administration was considering ways to improve re-lations with Beijing and that easing the sanctions was among them, raising the prospect that at least some of them could be lifted, possibly in time for President Bill Clinton's visit to China this year. But the officials emphasized that no decisions had been reached. One official said a decision at this time to lift,

even slightly, the sanctions on any equipment that would be used by the Chinese Army would provoke too great an ontcry on Capitol Hill and elsewhere, overshadowing whatever benefits the United States received in exchange. "That's a whole lot of heat to take for some

spare parts," the official said. Mr. Cohen declined through his spokesman, Kenneth Bacon, to talk about his discussion of

Mr. Cohen said Beijing had to do more to improve human rights, among other things, before Washington could lift any sanctions. But he also made it clear that the sanctions, now nearly a decade old, would oot go on indefinitely.

Asked about the possibility of lifting them, he said. "Sometime in the future it may be possible, hut I don't foresee it at this particular time."

Mr. Cohen's willingness to consider an exception to the sanctions underscored the extent to which he is prepared to find ways to improve relations with Beijing in general and its military

During his visit to China, which includes meetings with senior military leaders and President Jiang Zemin, Mr. Cohen is seeking to increase cootacts and build confidence between the U.S. and Chinese militaries.

His Chinese counterpart, Chi Haotian, and he gradual improvement in relations, profound dif-

The agreement - essentially a set of rules goveming contacts between the countries' navies is meant to avoid unintended clashes at sea.

General Chi said last week that exchanges of military officers, among other steps, were already easing tensions, the official newspaper China Daily reported. There are other signs of improvements. A U.S. C-17 cargo plane from Japan flew into Beijing on Friday, carrying 40 tons of clothing, medicine and other relief supplies for victims of the earthquake that killed 50 people and left thousands without homes in Hebei Province, north of Beijing.

Mr. Cohen's visit is part of the administration's efforts to improve relations between the countries. The defense secretary is the first cabinet member to visit Beijing since Mr. Clinton and President Jiang Zemin met in Washington in October. But while administration officials have described a

are scheduled to sign a document Monday called ferences remain, and one of the greatest, as far as the Military Maritime Consultation Agreement.

■ Cohen Welcomed in Beijing

Defense Minister Chi welcomed Mr. Cohen to Beijing with a military honors ceremony Suratay and an assurance that China wants a "strategic partnership" with the United States. The Associated Press reported.

"China will do its very best in order to achieve the goal establishing a constructive, strategic partnership between the two countries." General Chi said at a dinner in the Great Hall of the People. Mr. Cohen spent most of Sanday resting and

preparing for a full day of meetings Monday and for a visit to an air defense command center. At the dinner, he said that Mr. Jiang, in his visit to Washington, "certainly reflected a degree of harmony that our countries now enjoy.

But harmony involves more than simple ceremony and celebrations," Mr. Cohen said. "It involves action as well.

East Java Calm **After Looting Over Food Costs**

MUNCAR, Indonesia — East Java Province, the scene of widespread looting last week over rising food prices. appeared calm Sunday apart from a few small towns where some shops stayed shut and troops patrolled the streets. Mobs looted shops and supermarkets

in the staunchly Muslim province of 35 million people last week over rising prices, a legacy of Indooesia's worst economic crisis in decades. On Sunday troops guarded some shops, especially in Muncar, a port town.

Many shopowners in Muncar put signs on their doors to distinguish Muslim stores from those owned by ethnic Chinese, residents said. Indonesia's minority Chinese are a frequent target during civil strife because of their strong influence over the private sector. Analysts worry that the violence in

East Java and panic food-buying, as in Jakarta recently, could spread following fresh economic reforms announced Thursday. The new International Monetary Fund package calls for zero economic growth in fiscal 1998-99 (April to March) and 20 percent inflation.

The financial woes prompted the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce to urge foreign banks to roll over debts and write off interest payments, the official Antara press agency said Sunday.

The crisis has also clouded the future of President Suharto, although analysts said Sunday that he should not be coun-



An Indonesian woman holding out her hand as she makes it to the head of a line of people waiting for subsidized sugar in a Jakarta market. Feb. 25, told South Koreans are successfully concluded.

KOREA: Year of Harsh Trials

loan-guarantee package Seoul has accepted from the International Monetary Fund. "The real ordeal will begin from now on."

South Korea is entering a year of harsh trials," Mr. Kim said, in which as many as bonds one million people might be laid off and inflation could exceed 10 percent. The IMF has demanded cuts in company work forces, saying they are crucial to persuading foreign lenders to roll over the \$92 hillion in loans due with-

The \$00 or so people in the Korean Broadcasting System studio in Seoul laughed, joked, applauded - and listened with rapt attention as the president-elect fielded questions from seven panelists, the studio andience and a few people in the street.

Asked by a businessman in the audience if South Korea's economy might collapse. Mr. would go down if Seoul's Kim said, "Not in a year but in a few days the country can go bankrupt unless we cope with the situation." A onetime dissident who

ran unsuccessfully for president three times before his victory. Mr. Kim reminded his audieoce, "I have prepared for the presidency for many years.

Continued from Page 1 that the purpose of the mission to New York was "to save the economy."

Officials in Seoul said the meetings, which begin Wed-nesday, will focus on a for-mula to repackage about \$35 billion worth of short-term debts as state-guaranteed

The 12-person delegation hopes to persuade a group of banks led by J.P. Morgan & Co. to compromise on demands for converting the debts into government bonds at interest rates ranging from II percent to 13 percent. Arguing that the economy is "showing signs of recovery," the leader of the delegation, Kim Yong Hwan, remarked to reporters before taking off, There is no need to stick to

high interest rates."
The delegation opposes converting bank debts to goverument bonds but may yield if the banks agree to the "call option" under which the rates bond ratings improved from their "junk" status. Delegatioo members have said that, if nothing else, they would prefer that Scoul "guarantee" private debts rather than

issue bonds to cover them. Meanwhile, about \$8 hillion promised by the United States and other rich countries as a second line of credit will

BRIEFLY

Mahatma Descendant to Run

BOMBAY - A great-grandson of Mohandas Gandhi, India's independence hero, will contest coming national elections for the Socialist Party.

Tushar Gandhi, 38, a graphics designer from Bombay.

announced his decision to join the party and has also won the backing of several other political parties.

"I believe in working with grass-roots political workers, and the Socialist Party gives me that opportunity," he said. "I have a good chance of winning."

(AFP)

UN Aide Cautions Cambodia

PHNOM PENH — The Cambodian government has given oo sign that it has begun investigating the execution given oo sign that it has begun iovesngating the execution of more than 40 royalist supporters after the July over-throw of co-Prime Minister Prince Norodom Ranariddh, a UN rights official said Sunday.

The official warned that the failure to investigate the killings cast doubt on the possibility that Cambodia's next election, in July, could be free and fair.

"We have not received any indication from the con-

"We have oot received any indication from the government that they were moving on investigation and prosecution," said Thomas Hammarberg, the UN secretary-general's special representative for human rights in Cambodia. (Reuters)

Manila Opposition Campaigns

MANILA — The leading opposition party in the Philippines opened the campaign Sunday of a former film star as its presidential candidate.

"Once and for all we can get rid of a government of corruption," Joseph Estrada said to supporters. "We begin the fight against economic failure and fiscal excess, against powerty, helplessness and hopelessness."

against poverty, helplessness and hopelessness."

The 61-year-old former action-movie hero and current

succeed President Fidel Ramos.

vice president continues to top opinion polls in the race to

EASHION

Givenchy and McQueen Opt for Zen

By Suzy Menkes International Herald Tribune

PARIS - What is the most shocking thing that a fashion bad boy could do to detonate the spring couture seasoo? Swap wild agression for a zen-like calm.

In his Givenchy collection Sun-day, Alexander McQueen left behind the Icarus wings, skeletal bones and croaking ravens that had made previous shows a danse macabre. instead, models in simplified clothes in soft, pretty colors walked through a Japanese pehble garden among miniature trees, water lilies and splashing water. The calm and occasionally beautiful collection suggested that after an era of costume party clothes, the young Turks may be thinking about couture's po-

tennial clients. There is oo reason to be angry - I'm over it, and I wanted Japan because it is clean and mentally calm," said McQueen, who had transformed himself with an elegant tailcoat when he led the heads of his couture studios out for a bow.

He had put them through their paces. The overriding impression was how hard McQueen had worked to turn his signatures - sleek tailoring, jump suits, linear dresses and cowl necks — into something spe-cial. That included witty touches like butterflies trapped in the trans-parent acrylic shoe heels and a glass-bowl purse with goldfish.

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Each passage started with a simple silhouette thrown on to a Japanese screen. But when the outfit emerged, there would be an origami of pleats, folded on a skirt, jacket or fitted coat, or a slender dress made from glass-bead fringing, or a kimono coat from patchwork squares. The most striking use of the Japanese theme was a tiny fan-collared bolero over a simple jump suit.

Inevitably some clothes got too complicated, with raffia shoulder pieces here and fish patterns there. But they were noble failures, bal-anced by the cute candy-pink client-pleaser—a fan-pleated skirt under a

brocade jacket. Japonisme originally meant modemism. But a bead fringed parasol or peacock kimono embroideries seemed uncomfortably close to John Galliano's recent chinoiserie theme. Given the show site, among the graphic

for a resolutely modern take on cou-Thierry Mugler abundoned his signature years ago. hourglass silhouette. Instead, he reworked his icy glamour as soft sculp-

skyscrapers of La Defense, it would be

good to see McQueen let go of the past



A glass fringe Japanese-inspired dress by Alexander McQueen, whose Givenchy show swapped costume party clothes for a calm and occasionally heautiful collection.

tures, making draped dresses that turned ric, angular asymmetric cuts and flat on a compass point to trace the body. At silver beads. Typically, a glacier hlue its best, the show had precision seaming on a sculpted suit or a hrief bolero was scythed to a curve. But sometimes what the designer called an "exercise in Another of fashion's hard men style" looked like the satellite silhousoftened up — but don't imagine that ettes that Pierre Cardin put into orbit 30

Mugler called it "attitude couture," meaning a state of mind that can accept a

molded metallic corset top or a flimsy dress suspended from rings piercing the model's nipples. You could also call it a mind-set - and a very Parisian one - where the creed is dressing up, not down, and sexual allure is encapsulated in body-conscious tailoring. The nearest the col-lection came to sloppy sportswear was a pair of rapper jeans. Trans-parent acrylic shoes, flat silver beading, dangling crystal stalactites and porcapine quill decoration reinforced the impression of cosmic couture for a particular clientele. But there she was! The statuesque Shakira Khashoggi and her husband, Adnan, raved over the "very

special pieces. After the fashion architects come the decorators. Emanuel Ungaro used all his couture skills to suggest that nothing but a scattering of rosehuds came between body and clothes. Light, super light, were sheer pants embroidered with flowers or a lacy dress under a wisp of a cardigan. The ethereal quality was emphasized by the iridescent fahrics, the crystal beading and the bangles of muticolored beads.

Yet paradoxically, the strongest part of the show was when the intricately worked and magically executed effects were replaced by the smonth surface of a dress that slithered in drapes across the body, the swooping cowl neckline filled with a corsage of tiny beads. The most awkward was the daytime skirt length, which fell hias-cut to midcalf, begging women to switch to

slender pants. The show's overall effect was of a honeyed 18th century sweetness: curving brocade jackets (updated with leather pants) and a pointillist patchwork of a coat over an airy dress - executed with fairy fingers of workmanship. But looking front row at Marie Chantal of Greece and her sister Alexandra Von Furstenberg, their loveliness framed by simple gray and black tailoring, you realize how difficult it is to make fashion decoration seem relevant to the modern fashion world.

Dominique Sirop is a modest modernist - meaning that he makes a collection of conventional clientpleasing clothes, but gives that a millenium boost with gleaming fab-

cocktail dress might have graphic embroidery at the hem. Or a column of lilac satin would have silver beading at the bodice. And the daywear would be a pantsuit cut on the hias.

The result? A sopisticated and youthful sexiness, that never dips into vulgarity - even when slits are high-rise and lace inserts are sheer.

FROM MY GRANDMOTHER'S BEDSIDE:

Sketches of Postwar Tokyo By Narma Field. 205 pages. \$24.95. University of California Press.

POLITE LIES: On Being a Woman Caught Between Cultures

By Kyoko Mari. 258 pages. \$22.50. Henry Halt.

Reviewed by Janice P. Nimura TAPAN and the United States face Jeach other across the Pacific like mirrors, an inexhaustible source of cultural reflection for those who have spent time in both places. The best of these chroniclers tease out truths that illuminate both sides; others just end up writing plaintive me-essays, more self-therapy than sensitive analysis. Norma Field and Kyoko Mori share an unusual perspective, each having left behind childhood in Japan for an academic career in the American Midwest. But there the sim-

ilarities end. Field, now professor of East Asian studies at the University of Chicago, grew up as the cherished jewel of her Japanese mother's family, though her oversized American G.I. father made the oeighbors stare. Her return to Tokyo in the summer of 1995 to care for her stroke-stricken grandmother coincided with the 50th anniversary of the end of the war. "From My. Grandmother's Bedside" is a notebook of vigneties, an eclectic mixture of grief and family history, daily routine and the collective memory of a troubled nation.

Intimate neighborhood details -- bent old women picking up fallen leaves with their fingers, the bakery with three varieties of sweet-bean huns - expand into explorations of what it means to be Jap-mother to suicide; within months her anese in the postwar era. At the center, a father was remarried to a petry woman

living metaphor, lies Field's bedridden whom Mori portrays as a classic cvil

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matriarch, is one of Japan's graying lebefore air conditioning." Now, though, everyone is husy: busy working, studying, drinking, playing video games, fighting traffic. "Busy learning the pleasures of the economic miracle, or rather learning to register as pleasures the the language menacing. experiences it has afforded. All the while blunting the intuition that there might be no relaxing after a miracle." As a weary nation discovers alienation, "the dull twin of sleek and speedy prosperity,

Obachama's silence becomes Japan's.
Like "In the Realm of a Dying Emperor," Field's acclaimed 1991 examination of postwar attitudes, "From My Grandmother's Beside" is full of meditations on nuclear testing, responsibility for the war, and the elaborate net of duty that ensuares the average Japanese citizen. Also like the earlier book, these vignettes are sometimes frustratingly opaque -- sufficiently clear for the author's personal consumption, as in a diary, but stopping just short of clarity for the rest of us. Paragraphs twist back on themselves and require several readings, and portentons headings ("Temples and Social Realism," "The Expressivity of Extremines':) can distract from Field's quietly powerful ob-

Affection always underlines Field's criticisms of her native land. Mori, on the other hand, is at best deeply ambivalent about Japan, at worst in screaming flight from her troubled Kobe childhood. At the age of 12 Mori lost her

grandmother, speechless and paralyzed, stepmother. After years of physical and a catalyst for the musings of her culture- emotional abuse at their hands. Mori escaped to the United States with Obaachama, as the family calls its scholarship. She now teaches creative natriarch, is one of Japan's graying le-writing in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

gions, part of "the long decrescendo from the baby boom." She raised her memoir, "The Dream of Water." Mori children in premiracle Japan, when offers a series of essays divided by broad "ghost stories were a cooling device topic — language, rituals, bodies, tears. safety - and linked by her distrust and fear of "polite lies," the social lubricant of small insincerities. In Wisconsin, these are relatively benign; in Japan, Mori finds the conventions engraved in

Distrust makes her prickly, and much of her writing is shrill with old hatreds: Life in Japan resembles the harshest interpretation of a religious faith: the Koran or the sword, either you are with Christ or against him, either you join the sheltering umhrella of Japanese security

or you have nothing." Liberated in Wisconsin, Mori takes a hard line in reaction to a frightened childhood plagued by bewildering, unspoken codes. Whether discussing feminism or family, her father's cruelty or her own failed marriage, she sees no distinction between a compromise and a sacrifice of personal freedom. Her rigidity often leads her into dead ends: She wants to be comforted hut refuses the platitudes that are all most people have to offer.

With lives divided equally between Japan and America, Field and Mori are foreigners in neither, uniquely qualified to write at an intersection many have visited but few have truly understood. Where Field moves from intimate detail to piercing cultural insight, though, Mori turns inward on her own cathartic anger.

Janice P. Nimura, a book editor in Tokya and a regular reviewer for the Daily Yomiuri, wrote this for The Wash-

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

COME manufactured Doroducts fail, it is said, because they are too reliable. The same is true of one method of team play in bridge tournaments: the board-a-match format, which was standard half a century ago, has almost disappeared at the local level because the best players al-

most invariably win.

rare at the national level and even rarer in regional play, but an exception occurs in the New York Winter Regionals. and continued the suit. After The winners of the two-day winning in dummy South led Board-a-Match Teams were a trump, winning with the

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Osofsky, Bjorn Fallenius and Albert and Jeanne Rahmey. Wildavsky and Arvedon could be called partners-inlaw, for they have each won a

West led the spade ace, a reasonable but fatal choice,

clear of Alan Sontag, Alan ruffed a third diamond with a ished down two. trump honor. But the jack was covered with the king and the

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This won the board for the Schwartz team, which hit on a better lead against the same Richard Schwartz, Michael nine when East played low. contract in the replay. West Polowan, Adam Wildavsky The diamond queen was led chose the club eight, which is and Lloyd Arvedon. They for a successful ruffing fin- not as helpful as it might won by one of the largest mar- esse, and when it won the jack appear. South still

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In Turkey, Islamists To Form a New Party

Leaders of Banned Group Seek Its Successor; Court Warns Against Pro-Muslim Movement

By Kelly Couturier
Washington Post Service

ANKARA - A day after the Constitutional Court hanned their party for anti-secular activities, leaders of the Islamic-based Welfare Party announced that they will form a new party to give millions of supporters a political voice.

'We will continue our mission under a new name and a new leader," said Lutfu Esengum, a close aide to the Welfare leader and former prime minister, Necmettin Erbakan.

Mr. Erbakan, who has led three conpolitical career, was barred from par-ticipating in political party accounts for five years and lost his seat in Parliament as part of the court's decision.

Several of his aides already have formed a new party, the Virtue Party, but it was nuclear whether that, or another party, would be chosen as Wel-

"It could be that party, or another party, but there will definitely be a new organizadon," Mr. Esengun said Saturday. He declined to indicate who might succeed Mr. Erbakan.

In response to Mr. Esengun's announcement, Turkey's chief prosecutor, who brought to the high court the case to ban Welfare, said he would oot tolerate any attempt to cootinue the pro-Islamic

movement under a new party.

The prosecutor, Vural Savas, welcomed the ban. "I did the greatest service," Mr. Savas was quoted as saying in a television interview. "Those who use religion for political propaganda cause the greatest harm to re-

Turks still widely support the country's secular principles, and many share the establishment's view that the Welfare Party's true aim was to use democracy to come to power and then establish an Islamic-based state.

The court's decision to ban the party, which will take effect when the ruling is published in the Official Gazette, probahly next week, continued to be crit-

icized at home and abroad. Mr. Erbakan, who has vowed to hring the case to the European Court of Human Rights, confidently said at a party meeting that the European court "will rule that Welfare's dissolution is against contemporary justice criteria for scores

"Europe will then explode in the face of this great injustice," said the former prime minister, who stepped down last military.

The decision Friday to dissolve the party was the culmination of a yearlong campaign by the military-backed secular establishment, which accused Welfare of becoming a haven for radical religious activity that threatened modern Turkey's secular foundations.

'This is a decision that cost Turkey its democratic credentials and will not achieve what it sets out to achieve, which is the elimination of political Islam here," said a European diplomat

based in Ankara. 'You can ban a party, but you cannot ban 6 million voters," the thiplomat said, referring to the Welfare Party's estimated ballot-box strength.

Many analysts said the country's popular conservative Islamic movement will survive the ban on Welfare, and may even grow as a result

"In Turkey, the masses always support the underdog and those who have been subjected to injustices," wrote Il-nur Cevik, editor of the Turkish Daily

The spokesman for the U.S. State Department, James Rnbin, said the ban would be on the agenda when John Shattuck, assistant secretary for human rights, visits Turkey for talks next

■ President Defends Court's Move

Defying criticism from the West, President Suleyman Demirel said the court decision to shut down the Welfare Party upheld Turkish law, The Associated Press reported.

"We cannot feel happy by the shnt-down of a party. It is impossible not in feel saddened." Mr. Demirel said in a television interview late Saturday. "But no one has the right to violate the laws of the Turkish republic."

'If it's written in the consolution, there is no point in calling it undernocratic," Mr. Demirel said in response to criticism from Western allies.

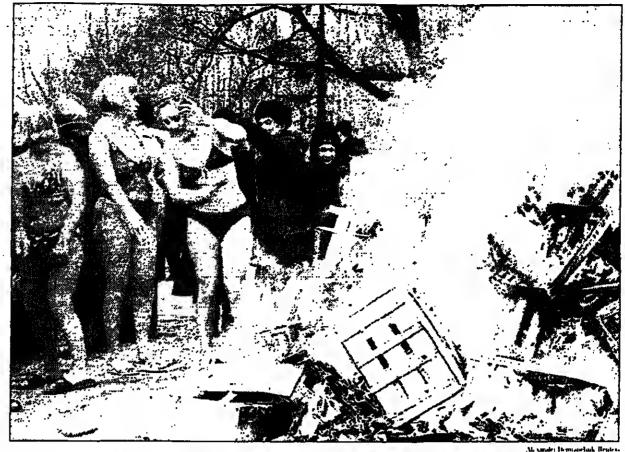
On Sunday, a group of Welfare supporters protested the closure, shouting slogans in praise of Mr. Erbakan at morning prayers in a mosque in Istan-hul. The demonstrators dispersed

peacefully.

Meanwhile, thousands of people gathered at the airport in Istanbul, jam-ming roads, in a show of support for Mr. Erbakan, who was scheduled to fly in to attend a dinner for the holy month of

The Islamic ideal "will be realized by this nation's children, oo matter what the names, the parties or the organizations are," Mr. Erbakan told followers in Ankara before his departure for Istanbul.

Two Islamic-oriented parties Mr. Erbakan headed in the 1970s and 1980s were closed by judicial order, and he was also banned from politics. Each time, he waited out the ban and reemerged at the head of a new party with a different name but similar policies and



THAWING — "Walruses," or winter swimmers, warming up after a dip in St. Petersburg on Sunday.

2 Russian Reformers Lose Ground

By Alessandra Stanley New York Times Service

MOSCOW - Two of Russia's leading reformers have been stripped of some of their official duties, a move signaling ongoing power struggles within the government,
Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin

announced that First Deputy Prime Min-ister Anatoli Chubais, 42, who lost his post as finance minister in November after a book-fee scandal, was removed as overseer of government policy on the news media. He still holds considerable

sway on overall economic policy.

Mr. Chernomyrdin, 59, also said he would assume oversight of the fuel and energy sectors from the other first deputy prime minister, Boris Nemtsov. Mr. Nemtsov, 38, a likely presidential contender, would be left with the politically unpopular issues of pension and housing reform. His free-market policies have already made him as unpopular as Mr. Chubais with some husi-

While it is not clear that these changes will significantly alter the course of economic reform, they certainly diminish both men's authority. But Mr. Chernomyrdin will probably continue in pursue basic policies of cutting spending and increasing revenues.

The changes were announced Friday while President Boris Yeltsin was on holiday at a government dacha in northwestern Russia. Mr. Yeltsin has made only brief television appearances since he fell ill last month with a viral infection. But his spokesman said Mr. Yeltsin had approved the changes.

Mr. Chernomyrdin played down the changes, insisting: "There is nothing

sensadonal or extraordinary about this. Mr. Chubais, never popular with the public or the opposition, has also lost luster in the West. He was fiercely attacked hy the financier George Soros last week as being the creator of a system of cronyism and favoritism that Mr. Soros termed "robber capitalism." Though his business enemies, who all

own major newspapers and television networks, may rejoice over Mr. Chubais's removal from control of media policy, he will continue to oversee

been over tax collection. He was publicly humiliated in December when Mr. Chernomyrdin overruled a decision he made to seize the property of several corporate tax delinquents, including an oil refinery owned by Boris Berezovsky, one of Mr. Chubais's chief enemies.

Some of his most difficult battles have

By keeping Mr. Chuhais in charge of tax policy, the government sent a signal most importantly to the International Monetary Fund, which recently agreed to resume lending money to Russia on the condition that Moscow improve its tax collection,

In Russia, however, the main message conveyed by Mr. Chernomyrdin was about his own ascendancy. Friday night the influential newspaper Izvestia described his assumption of additional power as "unprecedented," and con-cluded that Mr. Yeltsin had made his choice on an eventual successor.

While that assessment may be premature, there is little question that Mr. Nemtsov, who is far better placed in public opinion polls, is being relegated to issues that are not likely to prove popular to ordinary Russians.

BRIEFLY

Bosnian Serb Post Goes to a Moderate

BUELTINA, Bosnia-Herzegovi-na — The election of a moderate Bosnian Serb government won prompt international support Sunday and set the stage for a showdown between Serbian pragmatists and their hard-line nationalist rivals.

The Bosnian Serb Parliament elected a coalition government led by Milorad Dodik of the Independent Social Democrats. Hard-line nationalists boycotted the vote.

This is a government the international community can work with," said Duncan Bullivant, a spokesman for the international high representative, Carlos West-

Opposition Link Holds in Germany

BONN - The Greens have decided at a state party congress to remain in coalition with the Social Democrats in North Rhine Westphalia despite discord over a mining project that the Social Democrats support and the Greens oppose.

The 144-10-95 vote makes it more likely the parties will form a coalition in Bonn if they win a majority in September. (Reuters)

Wolf Is Released

DARMSTADT, Germany, The former East German spymaster Markus Wolf has been released after two nights in juil for retusing at an espionage trial to reveal the name of a former agent he run.

Mr. Wolf, 74, left coercive detention Saturday. The Federal Court ordered the release until it could rule on whether his detention was unjustified.

Charter for Baltics

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton signed a charter of partnership with Latvia. Lithuania and Estonia, recognizing a "profound and enduring interest in their security and independence and pledging support for their as-pirations to join NATO. Presidents Lennart Meri of Estonia, Guntis Ulmanis of Larvia and Algirdas Brazauskas of Lithuania also signed Friday.

under when his governing coalition collapsed under heavy pressure from the A Post-Protest Feast for French Jobless: Steak and Oysters

PARIS — A contingent of jobless protesters took Sunday breakfast in a hixurious Left Bank hotel, hours after dining on oysters and steak at a landmark eatery — meals offered by the establishments and sympathetic cli-

The good cheer accorded protesters fresh from a Saturday march that drew at least 10,000 was not unanimous. An clite Paris school occupied since Wednesday by jobless militants is filing a complaint against youths who scuffled

Saturday night with the police, France

Inter radio reported Sunday.

Groups of extreme-leftist youths who visited jobless people occupying the Ecole Normale Superieure threw bottles and stones at the police, then dispersed in small streets around the Left Bank

The Paris march was one of many around France and the third nationwide demonstration since the jobless movement started a month ago.

After the march, about 40 protesters made their way to the restaurant La

Coupole and, after refusing sandwiches in the basement where employees eat, were wined and dined with weekend customers, one of the protesters said.

At midnight, half of them went on to the Hotel Lutetia, "to sleep in a chic hotel," said Nicolas Chantome, 24, a student supporting the johless in their quest for increased state aid. The hotel confirmed that, after negotiations, the protesters were allowed to sleep on sofas in the main lounge and were offered hot chocolate, coffee and croissants for breakfast. They left at 6:15 A.M.

The swelling jobless movement looked on Sunday toward the private sector to expand its campaign for higher unemployment payments.

The Communist-led General Confedcratioo of Labor, or CGT, an organizer of the five-week protests with sit-ins at welfare offices, called on johless militants to turn their focus on private busi-

'The CGT intends to call on employers and managers to create stable jobs, apply the 35-hour work weck immediately and raise salaries so we can

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all enjoy full employment," it said. Johless leaders vowed to keep up pressure on Prime Minister Lionel' Jospin, whose government has responded with some emergency aid, a cut in mortgage rates for poor families and hints of higher minimum benefits to

Mr. Jospin is scheduled to make a televised speech in midweek in a hid to regain the initiative and refocus the jobs. debate on his plan to cut the work week from 39 to 35 hours, the weekly Journal du Dimanche reported. (AP. Reuters)

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LIBEL: Trial Pits Oprah Against a Collection of Angry Cattlemen

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hat one would hope it would get the attention anyway because these are a brand new type of law that fundamentally shifts the burden of proof, and that is designed to chill free speech," said John Stanber of the Center for Media and Democracy and coauthor of a new book, "Mad

Mr. Stanber added, "They were put in place by the agribusiness industry, I believe, to intimidate and silence critics and quell discussion and debate of food-safety issues just when we most oeed that discussion and debate." The ''Oprah'' show that

sparked this conflict was broadcast on April 16, 1996. That was shortly after British officials announced that mad cow disease had been linked to the deaths of 10 people in Britain who had eaten infected beef and that their brainwasting ailment may have been spread through protein supplements produced from the ground remains of dead cattle that were fed to cattle in

Howard Lyman, a former

Montana cattle rancher who hamburger," she continued. is a vegetarian activist and an official with the Humane Society of the United States, appeared on the show and compared the mysterious disease and its incubation period to AIDS. In addition, he said it already is rampant among

industry.
''A hundred thousand cows per year in the United States are fine at night, dead in the morning," Mr. Lyman said on the program. The majority of these cows are rounded up, ground up, fed back to other cows. If only one of them has mad cow

disease, it has the potential to affect thousands." Ms. Winfrey, pointed out that Mr. Lyman's AIDS comparison was "an extreme statement," to which he re-sponded, "Absolutely."

Later, she turned to her andience after Mr. Lyman supplied more details and said: "Now doesn't that concern you all a little hit, right of the trial, beginning next here, hearing that?" The stu-

"I'm stopped!" After the broadcast, cattle

year lows, although defense attorneys have disputed the reasons for the drop. But Paul Engler, a cattle feedlot owner here, and other local cattlecattle in America, a claim men were so incensed by the program that they filed a lawhotly disputed by the cattle suit, claiming more than \$12 million in losses.

Judge Mary Lou Robinson of the U.S. District Court has since barred all parties involved in the case from discussing it. But in Amarillo, where the

beef industry is a \$3 billion-ayear business and where 25 percent of the cattle in the United States are fattened in feedlots before going to mar-ket, the coming trial has produced opportunities for civic promotion and a rally around the cattlemen.

Ms. Winfrey, whose toprated show is watched by millions, plans to tape her daily program here for the duration cold from earing another ning: Has she rented an entire will want to hear.

Hotel? Will she sightsee at the Helium Monument and the prices plummeted to near 10- Cadillac Ranch, where a number of multicolored Caddies are huried oose-down in

> 'As far as the spotlight in Amarillo, I love seeing it hap-pen," said Bobby Lee, co-owner of the Big Texan, where a 72-ounce (two-kilogram) steak is free to anyone an hour and where about 7,000 people have succeeded in that feat since 1962. Barring another celebrity skiing accident or poliocal scandal, the Super Bowl and the 'Oprah' case will be the biggest things in the country in the next couple

Mr. Lee, however, diplomatically remains neutral.
"We love the cattle busioess," he said, "hut we love the 'Oprah' show, ion." Interested parties on both

sides are predicting a trial lasting from three to six weeks, crammed with medrical and scientific witnesses - and revealing, some predio audience responded with Theater, and all over town, dict, more about mad cow discheers. "It has stopped me the Oprah Watch is begin-ease than local cattle ranchers

TAX: Plan to Reward Tipsters

pace, finance officials said. setting up shell companies in eign accounts.
the Netherlands or parking Under Germ cash in Swiss banks.

cases have drawn attention to danghter's earnings.

Dresdner Bank, the country's talitarian German regimes.

Continued from Page 1 second biggest, were forced to resign recently after acknowledging that they illi-Many are known to favor citly sheltered money in for-

system of government, the Several highly publicized states are in charge of tax investigations and would be the problem. The father of the given the autonomy to decide tennis star Steffi Graf was im- whether and how much in pay prisoned last year after being their various informants. But convicted of dodging several officials are already expressmillion dollars in taxes on his ing reluctance about heading down a duhious road that was Four top executives of followed in the past by to-

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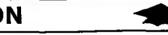
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As Israelis Toil, Arafat Waits

Palestinians Pin Hopes on Meetings With Clinton This Week

By Serge Schmemann
New York Times Service

JERUSALEM — While Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his ministers bave been working overtime to prepare an arsenal of claims, resolutions, strategies and demands for his meeting with President Bill Clinton this week, Yasser Arafat has mostly been waiting.

That might give the impression that after decades of eluding Israeli hit men cede the Land of Israel to Palestinians, or and withstanding American ostracism, the old survivor has found himself outmaneuvered in the peace, with nothing yahu's victorious election oratory.

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There is no question that the election left save a slim hope that the Americans might rescue him.

the Israelis must keep.

conviction of the Israeli right that the Jews have no need, indeed no right, to

NEWS ANALYSIS

to entrust the security of Jews to anyone. That was the essence of Mr. Netan-

failure of his partners in Israel's Labor Indeed, Mr. Arafat and his Palestinian
Authority are in a tough predicament.
Four and a half years after the Oslo agreements were signed, an Israeli government is back to treating the Pales
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Yet, it would be foothardy to assume that Mr. Arafat would just sit back passonic. His lip trembles with stress, and be has reverted to his old custom of rushhas reverted to his old custom of rushhas reverted to his old custom of rush-

tinians as a conquered nation, and Mr. Arafat as a closet terrorist. The big debate in Mr. Netanyahu's cabinet is over him at some Third World airport, rewhat the Palestinians must do, and what the Israelis must keep.

peating a mantra: "I am nut asking for the moou. All I want is to implement The debate reflects the long-standing accurately and honestly what has been agreed upon."

Likewise, Mr. Arafat's lieutenants continue issuing the ringing statements and veiled threats that accompany every tangle with Mr. Netanyahu. Saeb Erekat, a senior negotiator, declared last week: "We urge the American administration to stand up and tell Netanyahu, Enough," because otherwise all that will be left of e peace process is memuries."

If the process breaks down, said Abu And if this doesn't work, he won't stand



Mr. Netanyahu during the cabinet meeting Sunday.

Cabinet Delays West Bank Decision

JERUSALEM - The Israeli cabinet on Sunday delayed any decision on how much land to give up in a West Bank withdrawal until after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu returns from a meeting with President Bill Clinton on Tuesday.

The United States had been pressing Israel to announce a speedy and significant withdrawal at the White House meeting.

But Deputy Defense Minister Silvan Shalom said the cabinet ministers had not made any decision on percentages at Sunday's meeting.

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Mr. Netanyahu, who faces serious opposition within his cabinet to any handover of land, has said he wants to carry out just

Bank land it would turn over to the Pal- on a final peace settlement.

estinians in the promised withdrawal. It added that the withdrawal would only take place if the Palestinians fulfilled their ob-

The cabinet last week issued a 12-page list of demands, most dealing with security, that it said the Palestinians would have to

yahu returned, the cabinet would set a of land, has said he wants to carry out just "ceiling" of the maximum amount of West. one withdrawal and move directly to talks

Iraqi Envoy, Wife, and 6 **Others Slain**

The Motive Is Unclear

For Killings in Amman

AMMAN, Jordan — A top Iraqi diplomat, his wife and six other people were stabbed to death in a villa in the capital just after a meal marking the end of their daily Ramadan fast, officials said Sun-

The motive for the Saturday night slayings was unclear, but Jordanian security officials believed the target may have been the owner of the villa, an Iraqi businessman who reportedly has run companies for President Saddam Hussein of Iraq. The diplomat had been invited to the borne for dinner.

Six Iraqis and two Egyptians were killed in the attack, first disclosed by the Iraqi government, which identified the diplomat as Hikmet Hajon. Officials in Jordan said he was the deputy chief of

mission at the Iraqi Embassy.

An activist with the Jordan-based IRAQ: Iraqi National Accord, an opposition group, told The Associated Press by phoue that Mr. Hajou was a career dip-lomat who had been in Jordan for about

Iraqi exiles in Jordan, saying be believed already surrounding the arrival Monday the attacks were the result of internal of the chief United Nations arms in-Iraqi feuding. He spoke on the condition his name not be used.

danian prisoners in its jails and immelieved to be 60 to 100 Jordanians in Iraqi

The official Iraqi news agency INA said Mr. Saddam bad ordered their release after a meeting with a leading Jordanian opposition figure. Leith

The stabbing occurred in the Amman suburb of Rabiyeb at the home of Sami George Thomas, Jordanian security of-Mr. Thomas, who was killed in the

attack, is believed to bave had business ties to Mr. Saddam and to his eldest son. Odai, for a decade or so. He has lived in Jordan for several years.

of the employee. An Egyptian woman survived the attack and was bospital-In its statement disclosing the attack, the Iraqi government described the

killings as "a beinous crime" and demanded an immediate investigation by soured in December, when Iraq executed

four Jordanian students convicted of smnggling \$850 worth of auto parts.
The undersecretary of the Iraqi Foreign Ministry, Saad Faisal, and a senior Iraqi security official were sent to Jordan to pursue the matter with Jordanian of-

ficials, the statement said. repeated and unprecedented attacks on its diplomats in Jordan," the statement

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Christmas a national boliday and ran a

front page of the Communist Party news-

Cardinal Jaime Ortega was given a half-hour on television last week to ad-

In a six-bour televised appearance Fri-

day night, President Fidel Castro urged

Cubans to attend the Pope's public

events, including Masses in Havana and

three other towns. Fleets of government

buses will be used to transport Cubans to

the Masses, and a replica of the Virgin of

Charity, Cuba's patron saint, is being

bused around the country to each Cath-

The Pope's trip will most certainly bring a clarion call for the Cuban state to

grant a broader role to religion in society.
"We have a lot to teach the people, but

we do not want privileges," said Orlando Marquez, director of the Catholic Church

press office. "We want our place in so-

Mr. Castro hopes to benefit from the

pontiff's presence by gaining renewed legitimacy internationally for himself and To a le

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olic church for worship ceremonies.

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Christmas message from the Pope on the

Arafat Unwelcome at U.S. Holocaust Museum

By Barton Gellman Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - The Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat, who bad been persuaded by the Clinton administra-tion to pay a groundbreaking visit to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum this

U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council. week, has angrily canceled the plan

But museum sources said members between the state of Israel and the Palafter museum officials rebuffed his of the American Jewisb community estinians, then we will be more than

Conceived as a gesture of reconciliation by the U.S. deputy special Mideast euvoy, Aaron Miller, Mr. Arafat's visit would have been the first to the exhibition on Nazi genocide by a major Arab leader and a highly sym-bolic acknowledgment of the defining event of the century for many Jews.

But with the visit now in ruins, the

episode has become the latest irritant in the faltering talks between Israel and the Palestinians. Mr. Arafat is due in Washington for talks Thursday with President Bill Clinton, who will also meet Prime Min-

ister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel this week in an effort to inject new urgency into their stalled negotiations. Mr. Miller and his superior, Dennis

Ross, both of wbom serve on the panel estinian Authurity still profoundly ditempt to do so if Mr. Arafat simply that functions as the Holocaust museum's board of directors, suggested believe the museum should not get inthe consent of Miles Lerman, a death are against it.

warned Mr. Lerman and the museum's happy to receive Arafat as a ledirector, Walter Reich, that Mr. Arafat celebrate that achievement." "is Hitler incarnate," as an official put it, and must not be welcomed in the memorial to Hitler's victims.

When Mr. Lerman and Mr. Reich without the special measures for security and protocol routinely accorded world leaders, Mr. Arafat struck the visit from his schedule.

About rounen, who notified Mr. Arafat uf the snub Thursday night, said in a telephone interview from the West Bank city of Nablus. "He said yes. They are saying no. It's as sinsple as that visit from his schedule.

bright, speaking Sunday oo the NBC are still slapped. Somebody is still liv-program "Meet the Press," said of the proposed visit to the museum: "We felt Mr. Lerman and the museum's that it was appropriate. It would have been an important symbol."]

seum's board of directors, suggested believe the museum should not get inthe visit to Mr. Arafat through inter-volved in a political dispute where half mediaries after believing they had won of the people are for something and half

He said, "If and when the day will come when peace will be established But museum sources said members between the state of Israel and the Palhappy to receive Arafat as a leader and

Among Mr. Arafat's advisers, ever sensitive to loss of face, a tightly re-

strained sense of grievance prevails.

"We didn't create this idea," Nabil
Abu Irdineh, who notified Mr. Arafat uf

orld leaders. Mr. Arafat struck the saying no. It's as simple as that.

"We have been extending our hands since the days of Rabin, and our hands

spokeswoman, Mary Morrison, emphasized that the federally funded me-Mr. Lerman said the subject of Mr. morial could not lawfully turn away from Yad Mordechai, a kibbutz foun-Arafat and Israel's talks with the Pal- any individual and would make no at- ded in 1943.

seum would not extend Mr. Arafat the formal courtesies that are routine for other world leaders, and museum officials said they well understood that withholding special coordination in ef-fect rendered the visit impossible.

'Yoo're obviously not going to have Yasser Arafat standing in line to get a pass," an official said.

■ Israeli Museum's Invitation

Mr. Arafat is weighing an official invitation to an Israeli museum devoted to the memory of the Jews killed in the Holocaust, Reuters reported Sunday from Jerusalem.

An Arafat adviser, Ahmed Tibi, said the Yad Mordechai museum near Palestinian-ruled Gaza had extended an official invitation after the U.S. Holocanst Memorial Museum scuttled Mr. Arafat's visit.

"We will study the request and dis-cuss it seriously," Mr. Tibi said on Israel Radio, confirming the invitation

Oslo process among Palestinians, Israe-Communications Center and Israelis from the Tami Steinmetz Center for Peace Research at Tel Aviv University. found that a majority in both groups support the Oslo process - 59 percent of the Israelis questioned and 68 percent of Palestinians. When asked what is the most important obstacle to the peace process, almost all the Palestinian's predictably cited the Israeli side.

But Israelis also tended to find fault with the Israeli side, with 27 percent listing Mr. Netanyahu and his government as the major obstacle, compared with 9 percent who cited terrorism and 9 percent who listed Arab attitudes.

That, perhaps, explains wby it is Mr. Netanyahu who feels compelled to marshal piles of arguments for Mr. Clinton, while Mr. Arafat is content to simply wait for his own meeting with the president this week.

Perhaps for the first time, Mr. Arafat is approaching the White House as an equal supplicant. Until now, the Israelis were friends, welcome at the bigh table. while Mr. Arafat was ever on probation, endured only so long as he behaved and debvered. This time, Mr. Clinton is giving Mr. Netanyahn only equal time.

That may not resolve Mr. Arafat's problems, but those who have met with him in recent days have come away with the clear sense that the chairman and his lieutenants have placed high hopes in the

For the first time in many years they feel that the American policy is leaning more toward them than the Israelis," said Danny Rubinstein, a veteran reporter on Palestinian affairs for the newspaper Ha'aretz.

That modest sense of cummon cause, of course, is not blind faith, Mr. Arafat and his senior advisers are acutely aware of the political equations in Washington and Jerusalem. They are keeoly aware that frustration with Mr. Netanyahu in the White Hoose does not spell the eod of Israel's deep support in the United

"There are high expectations for the meeting," said Yossi Bellin, a liberal Israeli politician who recently met with Mr. Arafat. "That doesn't mean they're optimistic. Arafat knows about Congress, about Al Gore, about the need to get re-elected and to get the vote of the Jews. But he hopes the Americans will say what they think about Netanyahu. He hopes they'll demand a second redeployment.

He believes this is the last chance." Mr. Arafat has no real choice now but to follow the Americans. Unlike many Israelis, the Palestinians believe Mr. Netanyahu will be able 10 serve out his four-year term. They are also convinced that Mr. Netanyahu is maneuvering to kill the Oslo process and to get American support for his own plan, which is to jettison the step-by-step approach of the Oslo agreements and to plunge instead

into all-or-nothing final status talks.
For the Palestinians, that is a nonstarter. The entire premise of the Oslo arrangement was to build trust gradually, transferring more and more land to Palestinian control until both sides were ready to attack the hardest outs - Jerusalem, refugees, borders, water. In the absence of trust, the Palestinians see no

important now to have the Americans maintain at least the rudiments of the Oslo structure, which, to the Palestinians, means refusing to abandon the staged withdrawals.

Why? Because Mr. Arafat knows that if Mr. Netanyahn succeeds in ahandoning the interim steps, there is no chance we are determined and patient to the Palestinians will get the state that is, for a single-minded Mr. Arafat, the essential goal. But Mr. Netanyahu cannot kill the process without the complicity of the Americans.

And as long as the Americans support Oslo, they, and the Europeans, may not object when Mr. Arafat proclaims a state on May 4, 1999 — the date the Oslo agreement set for a final settlement.

'Jihad' on Sanctions

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The activist ruled out involvement by day added a new element to the tension spector, Richard Butler.

In two days of talks with Iraqi officials, In a separate development, Iraq said Mr. Butler is expected to ask for un-Sunday that it would release all Jor-restricted access for his inspectors and an end to standoffs over the composition of diately halt legal proceedings against inspection teams, which Iraqis say have a Jordanians in its courts. There are be-disproportionate oumber of Americans.

On Saturday, Mr. Saddam threw the talks with Mr. Butler into new territory by threatening to stop inspections altogether within six months if economic sanctions, imposed after the 1990 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, were not lifted. The UN Security Council ruled after the Gulf War that the sanctions would stay in place until all weapons of mass destruction and the means of making them were eliminated from Iraq.

Baghdad has said numerous times that it has met the requirements. United Nations inspectors say they are far from closing the books.

Jordan for several years.

One of the two Egyptians worked for Mr. Thomas, and the other was a friend

Even Iraq's most sympathetic friends on the Security Council, the Russians, French and Chinese, would be very bard pressed to defend Iraq if the inspectors were expelled. Such an act would put Baghdad in

incontrovertible violation of Security Council resolutions that allow military enforcement. The question that remains, however, is whether the United States would return to the council for explicit Relations between Iraq and Jordan authorization to attack Iraq - and whether other council members and foreign capitals in general would approve military strikes. The Arab world is already ill-disposed toward the United States because of problems with the Middle East peace accords.

Furthermore, Iraqi targets would be difficult to choose without assuming 'Iraq is deeply concerned about the many civilian casualties, Iraqis say, because government installations are scattered around Baghdad.

CUBA: Embracing Catholicism, Country Prepares for Pope's Visit

nomic embargo against Cuba.

against such sanctions, saying they are a

cruel form of punishment that afflicts

cessions it has brought from the Castro

government culminate a comeback by

Cuba's churches that has been under way

since the early 1990s. Throughout Coba,

the number of baptisms has increased

significantly, as bas attendance at Sunday

Masses, though overall church partic-

priests and nuns to replenish the nation's

aged, depleted corps of clergy, decimated

at the end of the revolution in 1959 when

hundreds of them were expelled or opted

To a large extent, what is being played face to face.

The Pope's visit and the new con-

ordinary, innocent people the most.



Women who joined a paramilitary group after President Saddam's call to arms making the victory sign Sunday. point in going to a final settlement.

Thus, for the Palestinians it is more fraq bas complained that such asser-

haystack quality. In the case of bio- harder and harder.' logical agents, experts in Europe and the

■ UN Is United, Albright Asserts Herald Tribune reported from Washing-

Rejecting suggestions that the Iraqi leader has driven a wedge between members of the UN Security Council who disagree on buw to deal with him, Secretary of State Albright said that Hitting targets in some weapons pro- those "who think they can defend Sad-

no longer an atheist state but a secular one

shift in the government's official position

was driven by the realization that the state

had to broaden its support to survive the

tumultuous aftermath of the collapse of the

Soviet bloc. That implosion took with it billions of dollars in financial aid that Cuba

had depended on from its communist al-

lies, sparked an economic crisis, and iso-

lated this small, impoverished nation.

While the Catholic Church is clearly

But one of the most compelling aspects

of the papal visit is the fact that two

septuagenarian leaders, each a shrewd

and charismatic revolutionary, will meet

ipation remains lower than in other Latin
American countries.

Last year, the government agreed to grant work visas to about 50 foreign

The biggest beneficiary of the Pope's visas as of Saturday were 16 journalists at the Miami Herald, and its other denominations will also gain to the sister Spanish-language publication, extent that the pilgrimage will raise the El Nuevo Herald. At least one Mex-

profile of religion.

Analysts and party officials said the

the country's communist system while conveying the message that Chba is opening up to the world, which in the long run changes begrudgingly undertaken in the

could attract needed foreign investment. early 1990s, when the Communist Party

here said, Mr. Castro is hoping the Pope coovictions. Soon after, the constitution will criticize the long-standing U.S. eco-

More importantly, Cuban officials opened its ranks to those with religious

In general, the Pope has spoken out that would acknowledge religious choice.

grams would also have a needle-in-a- dam Hussein are basically finding it

Rather than gaining from the recent United States say, large quantities of crisis, she said, Mr. Saddam had drawn germs and toxins can be manufactured in more international attention to the "fact very small laboratories with fewer than a he may have biological and chemical weapons, by acting as if he can't deal with an inspection that is gning to look at it."
While the United Nations has said that

> resentative to the United Nations, offered no hope that that would happen soon. "There are no prospects for the sanc-tions being lifted." he said. "There is no prospect, there is no one country saying ctions have to be lifted.

No Cuban Visas

For Miami's Press

The Associated Press

before Pope John Paul II's arrival in

Cuba, the guvernment had not issued

visas for at least 20 foreign journalists.

island begins Wednesday. Cuban of-

ficials said over the weekend that more

than 3,000 foreign journalists had re-ceived visas, including three from the U.S. government's Voice of America.

"I am not going to tell you how many visas we did oot approve but

look around, everyooe is here. All the

networks are here," Cuba's interna-

tional press director, Frank Gonzalez,

Among those who had not received

ican and three Argentine journalists

The Herald reported Saturday that

more than 60 reporters, more than half

from the Cuban exile stronghold of

Miami, had not been granted visas.

also had not received visas.

said in Havana.

The Pope's visit to the Caribbean

MEXICO CITY - On the weekend

She said there was no "time frame" for possible use of military force. Brian Knowlton of the International its sanctions will end when Baghdad complies with all the Gulf War resolutions, Bill Richardson, the U.S. repmake sure that Saddam carries out what be must," Mrs. Albright said.

Britain on Friday sent the aircraft carrier Invincible to the Gulf from the Mediterranean to back np diplomatic pressure on Iraq. But the British defense secretary, George Robertson, dismissed Mr. Saddam's speech as "bluster."

tions leave it with little incentive to

U.S. exasperation, also called for pa-

tience. "It's very imortant for us to pur-

sue the course that we're on," she said.

But Mrs. Albright, while expressing

BRIEFLY

Canadian Blackout Lingers for 700,000

TORONTO - About 700,000 people in Canada remained without power Sunday in the wake of the country's worst ice storm in memory.

In Quebec, worst hit by the blackout, 252,000 households and businesses were still waiting to be re-connected, and Hydro-Quebec said many would bave to remain a third week without power. In some rural areas, the power could remain shut down into February. (Reuters)

Rebels Seize Town In Sierra Leone

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone -Hundreds of Kamajor hunters captured the Sierra Leone diamond town audit of the results of the Dec. 15 of Tongofield after a battle with troops elections won by Mrs. Jagan's loyal to the military government, a People's Progressive Party/Civic alloyal to the military government, a junta spokesman said Sunday.

Colonel John Milton said hundreds of the traditional bunters had besieged the town for two weeks.

The Kamajor oppose the junta that toppled President Ahmad Tejan Kabbah in May. Diamonds are the junta's main source of income. (Reuters)

Accord in Guyana

GEORGETOWN, Guyana Guyana's president and the main onposition leader have signed an agreement to end an impasse over last month's presidential elections.

Under the accord, made public Sunday, President Janet Jagan and former President Hugh Desmond Hoyte of the People's National Congress agreed to end street demonstrations and to institute constitutional reform that will pave the way for a new election within three years.

They also agreed to an independent

Japan Isn't Cooperating

No one can yet measure how much impact Asia's financial crisis will have on the U.S. economy, but the political fallout is already beginning. Members of Congress are lining up to attack the IMF-led bailouts, from both the left and the right. And as the U.S. trade deficit soars - as it surely will this year attacks on Clinton administration trade policy, and on the principles of open trade, also are certain to escalate.

Some of this cannot be beloed; some increase in the deficit, and some accompanying political friction, is inevitable. As the currencies of South Korea, Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia lose value, U.S. goods there become more expensive, while their goods become cheaper in America. Moreover, those bard-hit countries are now beading into recessions that will leave their consumers less able to buy American or local products. Their only bope of recovery is to sell more to customers who are still relatively flush

- that is, to Americans. Their increased exports to America are by on means all bad; U.S. consumers will have more goods available at lower prices, and that will help keep inflation in check. But it will also lead to job losses for some American workers. Fortunately, Southeast Asia's economies, and even South Korea's, are small enough compared with the U.S. economy that the effects will be small.

Japan is another story. As the world's second-largest economy, its trade has a more measurable effect. And, unlike the reeling nations of Southeast Asia it has a choice. Yet it, too, is in the process of seeking to export its way out of trouble, relying on America to shoulder the burden both of Japan's problems and of the rest of Asia's. This cannot be allowed to happen.

Japan's "bubble" economy burst at the beginning of this decade, as overinflated stock and real estate prices came crasbing down. Since then Japan. has compiled one long record of economic mismanagement. Bad loans were swept under the rug instead of being confronted honestly. Deregulation of Japan's closed market was re-

One effect of the mismanagement was to depress the value of the ven, which beloed sour Southeast Asia's collapse while increasing Japan's trade surplus with the United States.

Last spring, just as Japan's economy was finally showing signs of recovery. its government proposed a tax increase. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin and just about everyone else warned that the increase would choke off Japan's recovery - and that, in the absence of domestic demand, Japanese companies would have to export more to the United States. Japan's government went ahead with the tax increase, the economy plunged back into recession and Japan's trade surplus with the United States is beading up. And since much of Southeast Asia's growing surplus with the United States will be composed of products from Japaneseowned companies, the surplus is ac-

tually larger than the statistics suggest. If Japan were truly a hopeless case, the growing surplus — with all the political problems it is bound to create might be accepted as inevitable. But Japan is the world's largest creditor nacion. It has a vast current account surplus with other countries. Its budget deficit right now is not structural but cyclical, largely the effect of the re-cession that its own policies have belped create. What is going on in Japan is not so much an economic failure as a failure of political will.

published more honest figures on the extent of their banks' bad-loan problem, which is an important first step. The government has promised - again to deregulate, and also to fix its bank problem and enact a very modest, onetime tax cut. But even if this time the government follows through on its pledges, these policies are too little too late. The time has come for Japan to stimulate its economy in a major way, in order to reduce its surplus with the world, provide an additional market for Southeast Asia and do its part as a major world power.

Recently Japanese officials have

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

An Indian Dynasty

A paradox of India's democracy is that the long-ruling Congress Party has survived less by keeping faith with its ideals than by keeping alive the dyn-astic flame lit by the founding prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru. Now once again in a moment of trial the party has called on a Nehru heir, the reclusive Italian-born widow of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, to try to reclaim power.

The spectacle of Mrs. Gandhi, a woman of oo known political opinions, setting foot in the political world was as dramatic as it was troubling. Since the murder in 1991 of her busband, politicians have descended on her whitewashed bungalow in New De seeching ber to enter the arena that sbe could not abide when ber busband was alive. After cradling the bullet-ridden body of her assassinated mother-inlaw, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, she lived in terror of the same fate felling ber busband and later her children.

In recent years Mrs. Gandhi has kept out of sight. Although she is not seeking office herself, she risks enflaming die-hard Hindu rightists who are already warning about a "Rome Raj" and demanding a renewed invesogation into alleged foreign payoffs to the Gandhi family. Whether she can translate her popularity into political clout is uncertain. At her appearance last week near the site where her husband was killed by a bomb, she said she merely wanted to honor her husband's principles. Her speech, in English, galvanized party workers and lifted hopes of picking up seats in Parliament.

Most remarkable was the presence of the Gandhi daughter Priyanka, wbo bears a stunning resemblance to the young Indira Gandhi, Nehru's daughter, when she was berself plucked from the shadows to serve as a figurehead in 1966. Congress bosses then referred to her as à "dumb doll," but she soon seized control and ousted them, foreshadowing a taste for political revenge.

Distrustful of the party hacks. Indira Gandhi leaned on her son, Sanjay, and groomed him in succeed her. When he died while stunt-flying in 1980, she got her older son Rajiv, an airline pilot, to step in. Sonia Gandhi npposed the move but failed to stop it. 'I was angry and resentful toward a system which, as I saw it, demanded him as a sacrificial lamb," she has said.

There has loog been talk that Priyanka Gandhi, who is married to a Punjabi businessman, is fascinated by politics, more like her grandmother than ber father. It seems likely that she will come under great pressure to run, perhaps in one of the Ganges River plain districts represented by her father and grandmother.

It is tempting to see Mrs. Gandhi's speech as evidence of the party's bankruptcy. Engulfed by rising sectarian conflict, its inner councils are dominated by bosses with little vision. The party president, Sitaram Kesri, is an elderly practitioner of caste-based patpoliticians to defect, some to the Hindu chauvinist Bharatiya Janata Party.

The final irony is that one of the most devastating and prophetic critiques of the Congress Party's troubles came from Rajiv Gandhi himself in 1986. At the party's centenary celebration in a Bombay cricket studium, he wore the traditional white cotton cap and tunic of the freedom movement but declared that the party had lost its way. "We talk of the high principles and lofty ideals," be asserted. "But we obey no discipline, no rule, follow oo principle of public morality, display no sense of social awareness, show no concern for the public weal.

If the next generation of the Nehru dynasty is to do better than the last, it will have to capitalize on its name to build an organization standing for more than its own perpetuation in power. THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

Kurds Are Testing Europe

The idealistic motto of "ever closer union" may sound nice, but when it comes to applying it to the real world, it encounters nationalisoc and political hurdles, as well as external factors which require strategic planning and action. The EU does not "think with one head." Even small numbers of migrants and asylum-seekers confront with seemingly insurmountable problems. Western Europe is unlikely to find an effective solution to the problem in the foreseeable future. --- Neue Zürcher Zeitung (Zurich).

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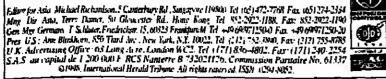
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WASHINGTON — Treasury Sec-retary Robert Rnbin better hurt somebody fast. Citibank would do. Or maybe his old partners at Goldman Sachs. Or maybe his old competitors at J. P. Morgan. Or better yet, all of them.

But he better burt somebody, fast. Because if Mr. Rnbin cannot show that as part of the U.S.-led IMF bailout of South Korea, Indonesia and Thailand the U.S., European and Japanese banks that lent these countries money will also pay a price for their mistakes, he can forget about getting any more money out of Congress for the IMF.

Congress returns oext week, and you can already hear the tom-toms bearing: "Nn More Money For The IMF, Let The Asians Go Bust."

Mr. Rubin needs to do two things if he wants to save U.S. funding for the IMF bailout. He needs to speak to America and draw blood on Wall Street.

He needs to explain to Americans precisely why the Asian bailout is valid. And he needs to make sure that any U.S. bank that was involved in loans to Asia, and now wants to share in the IMF bailout, bas to take a haircut, And I'm not just talking about a trim.

miserably to make a convincing argument as to why the United States should make its overdue deposit to the IMF - \$17.9 billioo - and why this will not end up as welfare for Asian tycoons and U.S. bankers.

(Most Americans don't even realize that the IMF is a credit union for countries. The United States does not "give" the IMF anything. It deposits funds in the IMF bank. The IMF pays the United States interest, and then lends money to troubled economies.) Consider South Korea. Its private

banks borrowed \$92 billioo from foreign banks. Those foreign banks are saying to South Korea that they will extend the loans, to get the Koreans past the sbort-term debt crunch so they don't have to declare bankruptcy, but only on the condition that the South Korean government take over responsibility for that bank debt and pay it back with even higher interest over the long term. An IMF loan now gives South Korea the cushion to take the deal.

m not just talking about a trim.

Opposents argue that South Korea is much better off letting private compa-

By Thomas L. Friedman

The Asia Bailout Will Have to Hurt Lenders, Too

efficient managers, and that the world is better off letting the foreign banks also get burned so that they will be less reckless in the future. Those are not ridiculous arguments.

What U.S. officials mumble in rethe collapse of huge economies like South Korea or Indonesia could present a real national security problem for the United States. Maybe.

The more compelling argument is the domino theory -- that if huge economies like South Korea, Thailand and Indonesia are allowed to just go bankrupt, they will take down other emerging markets, from Asia to Latin America, and likely drag down Japan. And if the world's second-largest economy goes down, that will seriously affect U.S. interest rates and markets.

It will not just be Billionaire Bob who takes a hit, but also Joe Sixpack's pension fund, mutual fund and, maybe, job. Millions of workers in developing countries would also be ruined.

This domino argument may be exaggerated, but testing it by seeing what happens if the Asian tigers are left m

nies go bust and having them bought melt down would be the greatest roll of out or restructured by more prudent and the dice of the post-Cold War era. It is reasonable that the U.S. Treasury secretary would not want to take that risk.

So what to do? The United States must insist that it will contribute to an IMF bailout only if both borrowers and lenders being bailed out receive no sponse are two arguments. One is that more than 75 cents on the dollar for any money invested and lost.

The United States also has to use its influence to try to easure that, in restructuring a country's debts, that country is not forced to pay exorbitant additional interest. The worst thing would be that the IMF bails oot a country and Western banks profit even more from their own mistakes.

It's a fine line. People need to be burt, so that they think twice in the future. But not killed, if there is a chance that they can recover.

An IMF bailout that makes reckless banks and investors whole again will never fly. An IMF bailout that punishes both reckless banks and investors, but still leaves them some space and buys them some time to make real business and governance reforms, is both good

economics and good poliocs. The New York Times

Now the Idea Will Be to Blast Iraq's Weapon Facilities

WASHINGTON — If frag's defiance of UN arms inspections forces President Bill Clinton to order U.S. military strikes, America's top soldier will not waste time trying to bomb Saddam Hussein into resuming inspections or making other political gestures. General Henry Shelton will instead go after the chemical, bi-

ological or nuclear facilities that Iraq has sought m conceal. General Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, outlined that sensible but historic proposition during a recent meeting with editors and report-

ers at The Washington Post. I had asked him if be really thought that air strikes could inflict enough pain to make the Iraqi dictator change goals and accept a publicly bumiliating retreat on inspections.

General Shelton later made clear that be beard the echoes of Vietnam that I intended in the question. Massive U.S. bombing did not force Hanoi to change its goals, or even to postpone them substantially. No, he responded in his calm,

soldierly way, suggesting that he would not inflict pain to try to reshape an adversary's political goals. The United States

By Jim Hoagland would instead set out to destroy the facilities that Saddam is try-

ing to protect. 'If you cannot inspect, then in fact you have to look at what other means you bave to ensure that weapons of mass destruction do not remain as a bigger tool in his bands than they are right now." That was as far as General Shelton would go in discussing options.

The Shelton approach is oot just a shift from Vietnam-era thinking. It also reflects a still coalescing change in the way the United States will now respood to the spread to hostile or irresponsible nations of chemical, biological and nuclear arms - weapons of mass destruction, or WMD in the jargon of doomsday thinkers.

American policy has long been based on conproliferation, on active resistance to other nations acquiring the most deadly armaments that mankind has yet developed. But increasingly planners are thinking in terms of conoterproliferation, of figuring out bow to contain, destroy or defend against a genie that cangot in fact be kept in the lamp. America's deep military and

diplomatic involvement in the Gulf, and the separate challenges that Iraq and Iran represent for that involvement, bring the shift to counterproliferation to a bead and into public view. Until now the existence and meaning of this change have largely been a matter for the expert community

and the Pentagon to debate. The continuing confrontation with Iraq is not just about Saddam Hussein's villainies. The world has caught a glimpse of the worst-case scenario of the future, and despite enormous effort has not succeeded in keeping weapons of mass destruction out of the bands of an outlaw state subject to history's most intrusive and hostile inspections and embargo.

While supposedly under "normal" international restraints. Saddam's agents were able to begin work on a secret ouclear bomb, develop a chemical and biological arsenal and produce warheads to deliver those weapons by missile.

The UN inspections since 1991 bave been courageous and superbly managed, and bave destroyed much of Saddam's ter-

for trove. But even after this effort. Defense Secretary William Cohen recently acknowledged that Iraq retains the ability to make chemical and biological weapons in a matter of bours or days. And he ordered all U.S. military personnel im-

munized against anthrax attack. The orchestration of the administration's response to the Iraqi crisis bas been designed to prepare the American public for a shift to counterproliferation as a fact of life and strategy on the

bridge into the 21st century. Face it, Mr. Cohen's unspoken subtext was saying. We cannot prevent the Iraqs and Libyas of the world from getting or building these nasty things. We have to build up our defenses against them and be prepared, as General Shelton says we are in Iraq, to destroy what we can when we can.

This is not said explicitly, not only because it is grim news but also because it raises a quescon that the administration seems not to have answered for itself yet: Who elected the United States and its armed forces as primary protector of the world against WMD?

President Clinton inherited that role in the case of Iraq

because of George Bush's commitment to leadership in freeing Kuwait and protecting Gulf oil access, goals (barely) endorsed by Coogress.

Americans have not yet pronounced themselves willing to take the lion's sbare of risks in the name of global counterproliferation. But the quescon is forcing itself on them as the abandonment of nonproliferation becomes more apparent.

In neighboring Iran, the ayatollahs have shown beyond reasonable doubt that they are pursuing the capability to build ouclear weapons and longrange missiles to deliver them. Iran also has impressive stockpiles of chemical weapons.

The United States now has 28.000 members of its armed forces on duty in the Gulf; a region where 25 years ago U.S. troops numbered in the low bundreds and Washingtoo let regional allies guard against strategic threats. This growing burden has been acquired more through drift and indirection than by clearly explained strategy and the involvement of the American public. The oced for open counterproliferation action will soon change that

The Washington Post.

The Palestinians Aren't Keeping Their Security Pledges

WASHINGTON - "1997 The Year of Hating Bibt." That is the title of a remarkably searching, self-criti-cal article by a member of Israel's "peace camp" on the unnatural hostility ("a psychos-is of batted") of Israeli liberals toward Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Even more remarkably, the article ap-

peared in Israel's leading liberal oewspaper, Ha'aretz. The author's point is that as the bitter fruits of "peace" have become apparent — unprecedented levels of terrorism. endemic insecurity, an unending string of broken Palestinian promises — the peace camp bas found a way to avoid facing its disappointment with its Arafat gamble by heaping abuse on Mr. Netanyahu.

Heaping such abuse is not just a specialty of Israeli liberals. It since ignored.

has become a bobby of their U.S. branch, which, for example, finds it congenial to liken Likud to the Communist Party of Russia, and to join the State De-partment's disgraceful blaming of (who else?) Mr. Netanyahn for the administration's failure to keep Saddam Hussein in check.

With Mr. Netanyahu coming to Washington to see Bill Clinton this week, the propaganda machine has started up again. The theme? That Mr. Netanyahu has cooked up yet another ruse to derail the peace process.

The ruse? That as a condition

for Israel's oext West Bank withdrawal, the Palestinians must fulfill the commitments they made exactly one year ago (in return for Israel's last withdrawal, from Hebroo) and bave

Against Child Labor

By Maria Nieves Roldan-Confesor

MANILA — A campaign to champion the cause of some 250 million children worldwide who are forced to work

for survival was launched in Manila oo Saturday when

thousands of children from various parts of Asia held a march

Brazil, India and Turkey in the next few months. They will

culminate in Geneva in June when a conference organized by

the International Labor Organizadoo convenes to consider a

convection to outlaw the most intolerable forms of child labor,

A recent ILO study found that some 250 million children

aged 5 to 14 are working; about half, or 120 million, work full-time. The figure of 250 million is considered to be an un-

derestimate. It does not include those who provide full-time

low pay. In some countries, up to 80 percent of working

Most children working as paid employees earn far less than adults; the younger the child, the lower the wage. Girls, on

average, earn less than boys even though they tend to work

benefit from social security and other similar benefits.

Generally, children are not paid overtime, oor do they

Child labor is most prevalent in less developed regions. Asia

The "Global March" against child labor is an opportunity

has the largest number of child workers (about 60 percent of the

world total), followed by Africa (32) and Latin America (7).

to renew and revitalize actions and programs to eliminate such

exploitation, giving priority to ending the most intolerable

forms. It is time to streogtheo international commitment to

The writer, a former chairman of the ILO's governing body

and a former secretary of labor in the Philippines, contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

children's rights, including the right to education.

The study showed that many children work long hours for

domestic service in the bornes of their parents or relatives.

The Manila event will be followed by similar acovious in

to protest against this pernicious form of exploitation.

such as enslavement and prostitution.

children work seven days a week.

longer hours in the same jobs.

By Charles Krauthammer There is no better illustration of the comical one-sidedness of the peace process: Israel's de-mand for Palestinians' compli-

> ligations is deemed sabotage. What are these demands? Change the Palestinian National Covenant to remove the clauses that call for Israel's de-

ance with their own written ob-

 Fight terror and prevent violence. This includes extraditing terrorists, confiscating illegal firearms and preventing hostile propaganda, like that from Palestinian officials and official media that accuse Israel variously of injecting Palestinians with AIDS, poisoning their food, planning to destroy Al Aqsa Mosque ("with the cre-ation of artificial earthquakes") and propagating the fiction

known as the Holocaust. Reduce the size of the Palestinian police force, now more than 12,000 above the level allowed under the Oslo accords. · Close Pulestinian Anthor-

These commitments are cootained in the official "oote for the record" drawn up by the United States at the completion of the Hebroo accord last year. Sound sensible? Not to Bibiphobes. Take The New York Times. Its froot-page lead story on Wednesday reported that

ity offices in Jerusalem.

these demands are essentially Netanyahu inventions. "In fact," wrote correspon-dent Serge Schmemann, "the note for the record' signed by Warren Christopher, who was secretary of state at the time.

included none of these requirements. But there is no "note for the record" signed by Mr. Chris-topber. And the official "note for the record," authored and signed by U.S. Middle East envny Dennis Ross, contains, under the beading 'Palestinian Responsibilioes,' every single

measure cited above: 'The Palestinian side reaffirms its commitments to the following measures ... (1) Complete the process of revising the Palestinian National Charter. (2) Fighting terror and preventing violence ... preventing in-citement and hostile propa-ganda ... [extradition] of suspects ... confiscation of illegal firearms. (3) Size of Palestinian Police will be pursuant to the Interim (Oslo) Agreement ... 'etc.

How can any fair-minded observer consider reciprocity anything but an unobjectionable, indeed essential, condition for a

peace process?

Mr. Netanyahu was elected: by a majority of Israelis not because he promised a jihad against the Arabs but because be promised peace with secu-rity. How? Through reciprocity: You give, we give, you renege, we stand firm. No more one-way street.

The Hebron agreement was to be the hallmark of reciprocity. Mr. Netanyahn got Likud. for the first time in its history, to of the Land of Israel, a very significant part, in return for several Palestinian commitments, every one of which has since been violated.

It is now up to Mr. Clinton. The United States brokered the Hebron deal, enshrining these Palestinian obligations in the 'note for the record.' If Mr. Clintoo treats his own Hebron agreement as a dead letter - an Israeli withdrawal to be pocketed, Palestinian commitments to be ignored - what possible confidence can Israel have that the next withdrawal will oot be yet another betrayal?

agree to a withdrawal from part Washington Post Writers Group, Unrealistic Israeli Demands Invite Trouble

Israel's internal security service (the Shin Bet), my officers presented strong evidence that Yasser Arafat would never agree to extradite terrorists.

So I advised Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin that the extradition clause being discussed by oegotiators of the second Oslo ce accord was unrealisoc. Mr. Rabin said he agreed with me, but that Israel's negotiating strategy required that the clause be included in that accord.

Now the Israeli government says Palestinian compliance with this same unworkable

TN 1995, while I was running clause will belp determine wbether the peace process continues. It is basing its conditions on a legalistic reading of provisions of the Oslo compact that we now know are both impractical and non-essential.

This will confirm Palestinian fears that the current Israeli government will not meet even their most minimal aspirations. It may well spell the end of the peace process and prompt the kind of angry Palestinian violence that will make the intifada seem like a tea party. - Carmi Gillon, writing in

The Washington Post.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1898: Chinese Market PARIS - The Berlin correspondent of the Times telegraphs: The speech of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach to the Swansea Chamber of Commerce has excited a good

deal of attention. The National Zeitung remarks that no one desites to close Chinese markets to the commerce of the world, but if the possession of Hong Kong by England is consistent with freedom of trade, the occupation of Port Arthur by Russia can donbtless also be reconciled with the same policy.

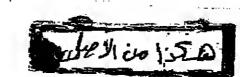
1923: London Morals

LONDON - London shocks Mrs. Van Winkle, who is of the Washington, D.C., police department. She came here to study social problems. "I am sbocked," she says, "at the English fashion of deneing in evening dress at reputable ho-

mit this in America. The sight of unchaperoned girls too, made me stare." However, Mrs. Van Winkle did admit that English girls' dresses are in henter taste that those of American girls.

1948: Red Sabotage VIENNA - Sabotage and

strikes was the role allocated to the Communist party in Austria in the Cominform attack on the European Recovery Program here. At a recent meeting in Budapest between Austria's top Communist planners and Matyas Rakosi, Moscow-trained Hungarian Communist whip, the Austrians were told to effect in: dustrial slowdowns, machinery sabotage and bunger demonstrations. The Austrian Communists were told to redouble their efforts to combat the recovery program because Austria has been singled out for special United States interest with the recent tels on Sundays. We do not per- grant of interim aid.



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HEALTH/SCIENCE

Chimp Tests Deepen Mystery of Speech Language Center Doubted

By Sandra Blakeslee New York Times Service

EW YORK — A surprising oew study reveals that chimtheir brains that is an a so-called "language center" in human a so-called "language center" in human challenging cherished ontions of brains, challenging cheatened of how language evolved in humans and

how language every why apes cannot talk.

In most people, slender incb-long piece why apes cannot talk.

In most people, the structure, a slender incb-long piece of tissue called the planum temporale, is larger in the left side of the brain than the right. Since this area is involved in the processing and comprehension of speech sounds and sign language, scientists concluded 30 years ago that an enlarged planum temporale in the left hemisphere was required for language and may have evolved for this purpose. Until now, no evolved for this purpose. Until now, no other animal was shown to have the same asymmetry in this brain region, located at the side of the head and con-

nected to the ears.

The study, published in the current issue of the journal Science, was carried issue of the journal Science, was carried in the current issue of the journal Science, was carried in the current issue of the journal Science, was carried in the current issue of the journal Science, was carried in the current in the current in the current issue of the journal Science, was carried in the current in the current in the current in the current issue of the journal Science, was carried in the current out hy three anthropologists — Dr. Patrick Gannon of the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York Ralph Holloway of Columbia University and Dr. Douglas Broadfield of the City University of New York — and Dr. Allen Braun, a neurologist at the National Institute on Deafness and Others. er Communication Disorders, in Bethesda, Maryland.

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"This is an interesting and useful finding," said Dr. Antonio Damasio, an expert on brain and language at the University of Iowa College of Medicine, in Iowa City. It shows the dangers of concentrating on brain centers and areas, he said, and snpports recent research showing that language is widely distributed in the brain and probably evolved from novel connections rather than from oew structures.

ANGUAGE evolution remains a profound mystery. Sometime within the last 2 millioo years, two-legged primates, or hominids, developed the ability to talk with words, a dazzlingly difficult skill, said Dr. Terrence Deacon, a bi-ological anthropologist at Boston Uni-

versity and McLean Hospital at Harvard Medical School

Language requires lightning-fast processing of speech and understanding of abstract symbols - traits that other animals seem not to possess to the degree that humans do, he said. One can imagine the brain undergoing important reorganizations that underlie the ability to argue. cajole, complain, and pontificate.

In the late 1960s, scientists were strongly influenced by the idea that bigger is better and that evolutionary pressures would lead to obvious structural changes in the human brain, Dr. Deacon said. If they could find unique bits of human brain architecture, they concluded, it might explain language. A study conducted in 1968 seemed to confirm this user. Dr. Dragon said Of 100 firm this view, Dr. Deacon said. Of 100 human brains examined, 68 had an en-larged left planum temporale, 24 had structures of equal size, and 11 had a larger planum temporale on the right

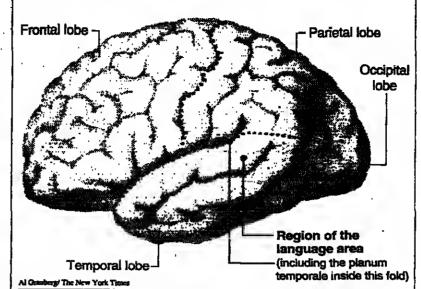
Many people took this to mean that the planum temporale might be a 'control center' for language, Dr. Gannon said. It is part of the auditory associatioo cortex where sounds come in from the ear, are processed, and then sent to other parts of the brain. Further evidence stemmed from links between the planum temporale and "a melange of behaviors and disorders including musical talent, handedness, and schizophrenia," Dr. Gannon said.

A few years ago, Dr. Gannon and his colleagues were examining preserved chieagues were examining preserved chimpanzee brains with the same methods used in the 1968 study. "We were simply exploring, looking for asymmetries, when one day our eyes popped out," he said. Of 18 chimpanzee brains examined, 17 had an enlarged planum tem-porale on the left side. "This was more pronounced than in humans," Dr. Gannon said in a telephone interview. Because chimpanzees cannot talk or

play the violin, what does the finding mean? Aside from the obvious fact that the common ancestor of chimpanzees and burnans had this brain asymmetry 8 million years ago, Dr. Gannoo said there are three possibilities.

First, the asymmetry in the common

It has long been thought that only people had the highly developed language area called the planum temporale, which is found on the upper surface of the temporal lobe on the left side of the brain, but a recent study shows that the area is about as well developed in chimpanzees. The planum temporale is a small area within the brain's larger language area, at the junction of the temporal and parletal lobes.



built on it and evolved the unique capacity for language. The planum tem-porale in chimpanzees did not evolve along the same path and plays an unknown role.

Second, the ancestral planum temporale is involved with communication but followed different trajectories in the two species. In humans, it laid the hasis for spoken and sign language and in chimps it laid the basis for a more gesture-based language.

Chimps may have their own sophisticated form of language that we fail to recognize," Dr. Gannoo said. "They have sense of self, can deceive one another, and show many complex communicative behaviors. Our language is vocal and auditory. Their language is gestural and visual.

HE third possibility is that the planum temporale is not di-rectly related to language or communication but has tangential functions, and its role in lan-

guage has been vastly overrated. "I think this study provides a strong demonstration that this particular brain asymmetry is oot likely to be crucial for language," said Dr. Deacon, whose book "The Symbolic Species" (Norton, 1997) lays out modern theories of language evolution. It supports the idea that burnans did oot evolve oew

brain structures for language but used structures that were present in other animals, he said.

To find out how language really evolved, researchers are looking more at microcircuitry than at gross anatomy, Dr. Deacon said. After all, 30 of every 100 people on average do not show the asymmetry, yet they appear to use lan-

guage just like everyone else. Studies show that there is tremendous variability in where language ends up in each person's brain, he said, and it can eveo move around in young adulthood after injury or, as one study showed, in learning how to do simultaneous translations. In that study, one language stayed on the left and the second language literally shifted to the right side of

Better answers about language evolution lie in the way regions are conoected in the brain, said Dr. Jeffrey Hutsler, a research assistant-professor at Darmouth College, in Hanover, New Hampshire, who dissects human brains to lonk for such clues. Patches of connected cells in so-called language areas are laid out differently in the left and right sides of the brain, he said. Such structural variations could lead to different firing rates among cells, making some better at processing fast speech sounds.

In the meantime, no one has a clue about the function of the large left plan-um temporale in chimpanzees. They may use it for hearing calls, boots and other sounds, Dr. Gannon said, or, they may bave traits that are on the threshold of human abilities.

For Diabetics, Drugs To Ease Life's Stings New Therapies Could End Shots

By Lawrence M. Fisher

New York Times Service AN FRANCISCO - Few medical breakthroughs have been as dramatic as the 1921

changed diabetes from a death sentence

discovery of insulio, which

to a survivable disease But diabetes and its complications remain a huge health problem. So hiotechnology companies are racing to develop new therapies that aim to go be-yond merely treating symptoms to anacking the cause of the disease, in which the pancreas shuts off or fails to produce the correct amount of the insulin hormone, causing dangerously high hlood-sugar levels.

These companies' research may one day mean that for many patients, fre-quent injections of insulin will be only a emory. Many diabetes patients could have the option within two to three years of inhaling insulin rather than giving themselves injections.

The need for new diabetes therapies was uoderscored late last year when Glaxo Wellcome halted British sales of troglitazone, an oral drug, after it caused six deaths worldwide through liver

Some diabetics are resistant to insulin, and troglitazone helps mitigate that resistance, though sciennists are not

Of the new drugs in the wings, closest to market is Ergoset, from Ergo Science Corp. of Charlestown, Massachusetts. It is under review by the Food and Drug Administration. Ergoset is a low-dose. fast-release oral formulation of bromocriptine, which has been used to treat Parkinson's disease.

In clinical trials, Ergoset was at least as good as existing oral drugs in regulating blood sugar; side effects were limited to transient nausea, nasal con-

gestion and low energy.

Another promising drug is Targretin, which Ligand Pharmaceuticals Inc. of San Diego has io the second of the three stages of clinical trials typical for new drugs. Targretin is the first to a new class of drugs to regulate blood glucose by intervening directly between insulin and the proteins it interacts with inside

Another new class of drugs is being investigated by Cell Therapeutics Inc. of Seattle together with the City of Hope National Medical Center. These drugs have the potential to block destructive oxygen-carrying molecules that attack the pancreas, cause resistance to insulin and may contribute to some side effects of diabetes.

All these efforts are aimed at de-veloping oral drugs for Type 2 diabetes, once commonly called adult-onset diabetes. There are about 7.5 million people in the United States for whom Type 2 diabetes has been diagnosed and roughly 7.5 million more who are believed to have the disease even though it

has not been diagnosed. Type 2 diabetics produce insulin, but their bodies have somehow become resistant to it. Initially, many are treated with a combination of low-sugar diet, exercise and oral medientes like Orinase, which has been around fer decades. Most, however, must eventually inject insulin that is manufactured from recombinant DNA or produced from animals.

Patients with Type 1 diabetes, once commonly known as juvenile diabetes, must take multiple insulin shots every day to survive. About 750,000 people in the United States have Type I diabetes. a disease in which the body mistakenty destroys the beta cells in the panereas that produce insulin. There are no oral therapies for Type 1 diabetes.

ARTLY because it affects fewer patients, and partly because it is largely controlled hy insulin, Type I diabetes has attracted fewer companies. But several are working on encapsulated panereas cells from animal or human donors, in hopes of climinating the daily injections by creating a sustamable source of insulin that could evade the immune system. Others are trying to develop genetically engineered animals that could serve us pancreas donors. Both efforts

are a long way from fruition While a large study of diabetics in the early 1990s clearly demonstrated the importance of tight maintenance of blood sugar levels in avoiding the onset of complications, such control is dif-ficult to maintain. An inhalable insulin could prompt Type 2 diabetics not using the drug to start, and encourage Type 1 diabetics to use it more often.

Inhale Therapeutic Systems decloped a dry, powdered insulin that can be stored at room temperature and can be inhaled rather than injected. Inhale has licensed the system to a bigger company, Pfizer Inc., which hopes to file for U.S. approval in 1999.

Severe Snoring Tied to Strokes

By Sally Squires
Washington Post Service

Their Security Plede W ASHINGTON — Severe medication. snoring appears to in-crease the risk of stroke by briefly reducing blood flow to the brain, scientists report from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland and the University Hospital in Freiburg, Germany.
Previous studies have shown that the

risk of stroke rises by as much as 40 percent in people who have sleep apnea, which temporarily causes hreathing to stop during sleep and is often linked with heavy snoring. This is the first study, however, to find a direct link between severe snoring and a drop of hlood flow to the brain, which could help explain the increased risk of stroke.

The study included 11 men and one woman, average age 54 years, who were

heavy snorers but had no evidence of heart disease. Five participants had high blood pressure, which was controlled hy

Nikolau Netzger, a researcher, and his colleagues in Freiburg measured blood flow to the brain during sleep. They found that severe sooring, known as hypopnea, caused blood flow in the middle ccrebral artery of the brain to drop by as much as 76 percent.

Sleep apnea, a coodinoo during which people briefly stop breathing and often snore heavily, also caused blood flow in the middle cerebral artery to decrease by 80 percent. But a far less severe form of sleep apnea, which did not involve snoring, dropped brain blood flow by only 14 percent.

The sharp decrease in blood flow seen during severe snoring could help set the stage for a stroke in several ways, said Dr. Netzger, whose study was published in the journal Stroke. The sharp

struggles for air. "The blood pressure increases enormously and the heart rate rises enormously," he said. "This strains the system with extremes," he said, and could lead to a stroke.

At the same time, Dr. Netzger said, most people who snore need not worry about an increased stroke risk. "About 50 percent of the male population and about 50 percent of women at menopanse and older snore," said Dr. Netzger, who is a visiting professor of pul-monary medicine at Case Western Reserve. "They should not be frightened."

But heavy snoring that leaves people gasping for breath in the middle of the night and very sleepy during the day is a condition that people "should bring to the attention of their physician," Dr. Netzger said.

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LANGUAGE

'Slow-Walking': Drag Out or Punish?

By William Safire

ASHINGTON—"People slow-walk things, you know, especially if you've got a cutoff date," said Senator Fred Thompson of Tennessee, complaining to reporters last summer about the obfuscation he had faced from about the obfuscation is investigation of the White House in his investigation of campaign finance. He repeated the verb more emphatically as his hearings drew to a close: "We have been slow-walked and deferred and had objections every step of the way."

Slow-walk, the dialect verb, has two

senses. The Tennessee sense, as used by Tennessean Thompson, means "delay." Citations are difficult to come by, but the Westlaw database, which covers all count proceedings, has several from Tennessee: "If I get the idea," one judge warned a mother resisting visitation rights to a child's father in 1989, "that you're dragging your feet or elections the rights to a child's father in 1989, "that you're dragging your feet or elections the rights to a child the rights are the rights and the rights are the ri oth Circuit referred to testimony in a labor dispute that "many of the men were simply standing around and

were simply standing around and were purposely 'slow-wallding' the project ... to stretch out the term of employment.'

Then there's the quite different Carolina sense, Joan Hall of the Dictionary of American Regional English at the University of Wisconsin found a report University of Wisconsin found a report filed by a DARE interviewer in 1979 in central South Carolina, after a conversation with a black woman, the author Mary Meblane: "Her mother used to say: 'There's a dead cat on the line. I'm going to slow-walk you down.' She told her daughters that, when she was sure that the there is a sure that the same that the sam

that they were lying." I have already reported on a dead car on the line, used to express "a suspicion that somebody is trying to deceive you." (Fred Cassidy of DARE thinks

ing transmission on a telegraph line.) Bot if our Carolina source was suspicions of being tricked, what did she mean by 'I'm going to slow-walk you down'? A clue is in a 1962 North Carolina trial: "Before he began hitting and stabbing his wife with a knife in the city of New Bern, he said, T'll slow-walk her.' "Judging by the context in

Issues' is a goo-goo's term for things the average voter doesn't really care about.

the two citations, I'd say the phrase means "chastise, punish," or in its ex-treme form, "stab to death." Brymology of the punitive Carolina

sense is obscure, as the lexicographers say when they cannot puzzle out the root. The Tennessee sense — "delay" - may come from horse racing. Tennessee Walking Horses have three gaits: a flat walk, a running walk, and a canter.

A synonym for ''flat walk'' is slow walk, as used in Joe Webb's 1967''Care and Training of the Tennessee Walking Horse': "Whether you are successful or unsuccessful in getting the horse into a running walk, go back into the slow walk occasionally."

In politics, the issues, plural, intoned with great solemnity, is a goo-gon's term for "subjects the political scientist thinks are important but the average voter doesn't really care about."

trotline, evidence that a lazy fisherman the listener to the opposite side, making has not been checking his poles. Others insist that the root is a dead feline blocking transmission on a telegraph line.)

Bot if our Carolina source was susof my womanhood." From this flowed the issue's meaning of "what is central to, or is the unb of, the case," neatly differentiated in a 1980 New York Times story about Vernon Jordan, then head of the Urban League, answering a reporter's question about a local league official who drove him to a hotel oo the night an assassin attempted to kill him:
"Mrs. Coleman is not an issue. The shooting is an issue."

But in recent years, an issue has spread across all walks of life to mean either "problem" or "disagreement." Dr. David Forrest is a psychiatrist at Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital in New York who provided a dictionary for foreign-born psychiatrists in 1976. ("Buzz off, Buster — a direction said to someone bothersome to make him go away.") He told me last week that when he asked his niece recently about what was new at Bucknell College, she said: "I have issues with my calculus class" and "issues with my roommate." From

euphemism for "aggravation." T think it has a source in psychoanalytic psychotherapy," says Forrest, "and not in cognitive or behavioral psychology. Psychoanalysts might say their patient is having a 'transference issue' or a 'payment issue' or a 'termination issue.' It's a way of saying, 'I'm struggling with this.' "

these usages, he took the word to be a

To have an issue is not to join issue or to take issue. In this vogue sense, have an issue with is a euphemism for have a problem with, which is a euphemism for have a disagreement with. To those who have an issue with that, I say: Buzz off,

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Stock Fans Keep at It In Taiwan

In a Land of Investors. Asia Crisis Is Discounted

By Thomas Crampton
International Herald Tribune

TAIPEI — With a plastic bag of green leafy vegetables at her feet, Cathy Nii sits scrutinizing trading screens in the head office of Taiwan's largest se-

Undaunted by the economic crisis engulfing markets across Asia, the Taipei bousewife and mother of two has put 70 percent of her life savings into stocks and plans to invest more.
"The market will hit 10,000 by July,

so I want to buy electronics and plastics stocks now," Mrs. Nii said. "The region's crisis has an impact on the economy, but for Taiwan stocks it is more important to have insider information on individual companies.

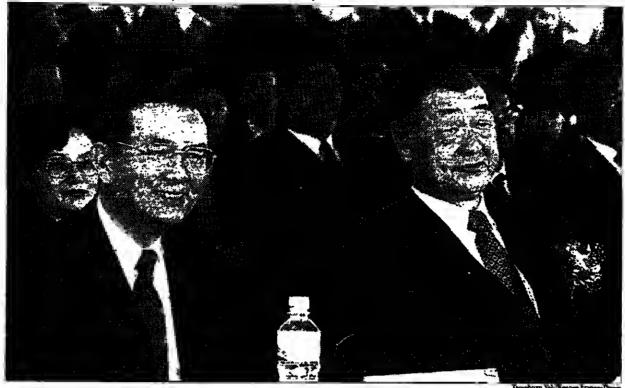
Mrs. Nii, and thousands of retail investors like her, make up 90 percent of trading volume on the Taiwan Stock

In this stock-obsessed nation, where more than 10 television channels exclusively follow market news and popular analysts garner celebrity status, individual investors still see Taiwan's economy as a special case, isolated from Asia's woes.

The benchmark index in Taipei fin-ished Saturday at 7,895.48, off 12 percent since the region's crisis began in July, compared with the 36 percent drop in Seoul or the 40 percent plunge in

Taiwan investors got a taste of the regional turmoil last week when the index dropped nearly 5 percent Monday, but such slides have only whented the appetite of many of the island's inward-looking and crisis-hardened in-

"When the market goes down like this, it is a great opportunity," said Tsai Hao-jen, who quit his regular job 10 years ago to trade stocks full-time. "Stocks come down for economic and psychological reasons. For now, what happens in Indonesia and Korea is only a psychological problem for us, so stocks will come back up again."



Mr. Chin, left, and Mr. Sheu, attending the ground-breaking for the planned 101-story Taipei Financial Center.

Mr. Tsai regularly churns through his total loss of confidence when Beijing portfolio, making many trades each day to second-guess the psychological ef-fect of news. This technique, typical of Taiwan investors, flourishes thanks to the low cost of making a trade.

Although there are only 400 companies listed on the Taiwan Stock Exchange, the trading volume in dollar terms is higher than that of the Tokyo

and Hong Kong exchanges combined.

Mr. Tsai said that the devaluation of the won by South Korea — Taiwan's major export competitor — would hart the economy, but he said Taiwan's companies remained healthy.

'All my money is in stocks, and it is my belief that the market will rise to 10,000 later this year," Mr. Tsai said, adding that he learned how to deal with falling markets during the stock plunge seven years ago.

Following a three-year rally that multiplied the market index five-fold to peak in February 1990 at 12,682 points, Taiwan shares collapsed back to where they had started in just a matter of

"I lost only book value," Mr. Tsai said. "If you hold on for long enough when it falls like that, you will be all Taiwan investors also developed a

sent missiles splashing down off their coast during a series of provocative tests in late 1995, said Irene Chien, an equities analyst at SBC Warburg Dillon

"People were changing money into U.S. dollars, packing their bags and looking for Canadian or New Zealand passports," she said. "After it was all over, everyone noticed that those people who had bought stocks during the crisis made a lot of money."

A retired army colonel, Lu Yun-duay, who has half of his savings invested in stocks and comes to his brokerage every trading day to monitor his investments, said that the difficulties facing other Asian stock markets had proved that Taipei's policy of economic isolation was right.

"Look what happened in Thailand, Malaysia and South Korea when foreigners left the market," Mr. Lu said. "If you open up, Taiwan people will lose control of their stock market

While among the world's top 20 traders, Taiwan remains a very closed economy with relatively low levels of foreign borrowing and a currency of imited convertibility.

Foreign investors, who face hureaustrong resistance to panic thanks to the cratic hurdles and restrictions, have ac-

counted for less than 4 percent of stock market volume, and most of them pulled out in October. This shows that the government

should not rush too fast to join the World Trade Organization and increase for-eign investment to 30 percent," Mr. Lu

Apart from relations with China, the only foreign news that matters to Taiwan stocks is a fall of the currency, according to a part-time investor, Lin

"It's not that I don't care about international affairs," Mr. Lin said. "It's just that they don't affect the value of stocks in this country as much as other things, such as technical analysis of companies."

Mr. Lin, who earns 50,000 Taiwan dollars (\$1,480) a month selling electronics parts, put up his house as col-lateral to buy stocks and now has a portfolio worth more than I million

Holding a newspaper filled with charts and covered with his own multicolor scribbles, Mr. Lin said he never varied from his strict rules of invest-

"I never let emotion get involved in an investment," Mr. Lin said. "When a stock reaches the target I set for it, I sell

Taipei Plans to Delay Reform of Economy

Currency Controls May Be Kept Beyond 2000

By Thomas Crampton
International Iteraid Tribune

TAIPEI - Taiwan is moving to delay planned reforms that it fears would overexpose it to foreign capital flows, according to the country's central bank governor, even as the economies of many of its Asian neighbors are being forced to open to qualify for international rescues. "The pace of internationalization and

liberalization will be made slower and more careful" because of Asia's fi-nancial turmoil, the Central Bank of China's governor, Sheu Yuan-dong,

Mr. Sheu's policies and views are fol-lowed closely throughout Asia. Taiwan has managed to hold its own in the Asian currency storm, retains massive foreign reserves and now is viewed as a potential investor throughout the region. A member of Taiwan's policy-making elite and a close friend of President Lee Teng-hui, Mr. Sheu has frequently represented

Taiwan's interests overseas Mr. Sheu said he was determined to open the exchange of Taiwan's currency completely, but that the present target date of 2000 was ton tight given Asia's economic instability and the island's strained relations with China.

"Those are the two major factors we are concerned about," Mr. Sheu said. "If we can feel safe and comfortable we

will let it go."

Although the market determines the value of the Taiwan dollar, it is virtually impossible to build up a large speculative position against the currency. The country's commercial banks report foreigncurrency transactions to the central bank and limit exchange movement to only what is necessary for the trade of goods.

Taiwan's dollar has depreciated about 15 percent against the U.S. dollar since the start of the currency crisis in Asia last July, compared with a 40 percent drop for the South Korean won and a 70 percent decline for the Indonesian rupiah.

Taiwan also bas tight controls on foreign investment. Foreign investors must pass a rigorous assessment test and even then may bold no more than 15 percent of the equity in any one company. Total foreign ownership of a company is limited to 30 percent.

In the interview, Mr. Sheu also said: China was not likely to devalue the yuan, hui a sharp fall of the currency would set off another round of Asian

currency devaluations. Taiwan's involvement in assisting crisis-hit Asian countries will "basically" remain in the private sector, since

government aid would anger China. • The Taiwan dollar is undervalued and should rise within the next few months to between 31 and 32 Taiwan dollars per U.S. dollar.

In terms of liberalization, Finance Minister Paul Chiu said the government officially still held to the goal of allowing the free flow of capital by 2000, but an actual opening of the economy would only take place if all sectors were ready. Before fully opening up the cross-

border market, you have to deepen and broaden your own financial markets," Mr. Chiu said. Mr. Sheu ascribed Thailand's prob-

lems to a hasty and badly executed open-ing of the country to foreign investors that kept the currency pegged to the dollar. "Speculators could come in and get the high interest rates and bring their money back out with no risk," Mr. Sheu

If faced with a coordinated attack on the Taiwan dollar, Mr. Sheu said he would not hesitate to raise interest rates to punish speculators and, as a last resort, limit access to the currency.

'If we have ton many Taiwan dollars circulated outside Taiwan, it is easier for international speculators to attack the currency." Mr. Sheu said, emphasizing that the country's best defense for the currency was its robust economy. Even as Taiwan officials talk of slow-

ing liberalization, the country is promoting itself as a future regional financial center in an Asia of open markets.

Mr. Sheu last week helped break ground for a 101-floor building to house

international financial institutions. We welcome everyone to use Taiwan as a financial hub to reach all of Asia, including mainland China," he said. 'Carefully, step hy step, we will push forward liberalization and even

available in New York.' Closed markets sheltered the Taiwan dollar from speculative attack, but underlying economic fundamentals have

introduce derivatives and other products

kept it stable, Mr. Sheu said.
"We have two wheels on which our currency is riding, our strong economic fundamentals and our sound financial

system," Mr. Sheu said.
Over the next few months Mr. Sheu expects the U.S. dollar to fall from its Friday close of 33.79 Taiwan dollars.

'It is quite hard to say whether it will be 32 dollars or 31 dollars, because we are exposed to fluctuations in international markets," he said. "Our currency is definitely undervalued now."

Although the plunging South Korean won has increased export competition for Taiwan and raised concerns about South Korean companies damping cheap goods, Mr. Sheu does not expect Taiwan businessmen to pressure him for a further devaluation.

'Businessmen want dynamic stability, not volatile markets, so they can plan ahead," Mr. Sheu said. "Also, if you devalue too deeply, it hurts them when they import new materials."

Of the government's growth projection of 6.7 percent for 1998, Mr. Sheu said, "This is a target for the country, but maybe we can reach 6.3 percent or 6.4 percent growth." Economists predict the country's growth in 1998 will be around 4 percent.

Tobacco Firms Fire Up Smoking Campaigns in Third World

By Barry Meier

NEW YORK — Last August, dozens of journalists from Latin America arrived in Miami as guests of British-American Tobacco Co., whose Brown & Williamson unit makes popular cigarettes like Kool, Carlton and Lucky

The company paid for the visitors' air fare, hotel rooms and even dinners at expensive restaurants. The reporters heard company officials and paid speakers attack restrictions on smoking and cigarette advertising as scientifically unsound or artifacts of lawsuit-driven societies like the United States.

The public relations full-court press was a startling contrast to the face of sweet reason that the tobacco industry has been putting on for the American public these days.

In June, five major tobacco companies, including multinational giants like British-American Tobacco, based in

London, and Philip Morris Cos., reached a \$368.5 billion agreement to settle lawsuits by states and smokers, a development hailed by the industry as a historic opportunity to reduce smoking by young people. That deal is now under

consideration by Congress.

But while the companies agreed to sweeping restrictions in the United States on cigarette marketing and secondhand smoke and to bolder cancer-warning labels, they are fighting as hard as ever in the Third World to convince the news media, the public and policymakers that similar changes are not needed in their own countries.

The tobacco companies have long lobbied policymakers in the United States and abroad to prevent passage of restrictions on tobacco. But in the last three years they have sharpened their campaigns overseas to influence how tobacco-related issues are portrayed in the news or presented to the public, and there are signs that some of those efforts are paying off.

British-American Tobacco, which is owned by BAT Industries PLC, has had seminars at luxury resorts at which it has offered foreign journalists data that play down the health risks of smoking. To bead off indoor smoking restrictions, large eigarette producers have also be-gun public relations campaigns abroad that recycle the same theme.

Some tobacco executives see the proposed settlement in the United States not as a blueprint for a new worldwide approach to cigarettes but solely a concession to legal realities in America.

Under the plan, in exchange for protection from lawsuits, the tobacco companies agreed to finance antismoking campaigns, restrict marketing and pay penalties if smoking by children does not decline, among other things. .But the document is virtually silent about the cigarette makers' overseas operations, an area that smoking foes want discussed in the coming congressional debate on the proposal.

The congressional debate over the

proposed settlement comes as the tobacco industry finds itself under attack in some parts of the world. Recently, the European Union agreed to ban virtually all tobacco advertising within five years. Turkey has recently passed laws that restrict cigarette advertising.

With cigarette sales stagnant in the United States, multinational producers such as BAT, Philip Morris and R. J. Reynolds, which is owned by RJR Nabisco Holdings Corp., have scrambled in recent years to buy stakes in production operations in areas of rapid sales growth in Eastern Europe, Asia and elsewhere.

In recent years, for example, British-American Tobacco has put on many conferences for journalists, inviting reporters from Third World countries.

"Their strategy all the time is to raise questions about anti-tobacco research," said Kathryn Strachan, a reporter with Business Day, a newspaper in Johanneshurg, who attended a companysponsored conference last year at a re-

bacco said they had never tried to hide the company's sponsorship of seminars for foreign reporters. Chris Proctor, the company's chief scientist, said meetings like the Miami gathering provided the cigarette producer with a chance to

present its side of the smoking debate.

Officials of British-American To-

sort on the island of Mauritius.

The effects of the meetings sponsored by British-American Tobacco are difficult to gauge. But in countries where tobacco producers still spend a lot of money advertising in newspapers and are permitted to run television commercials, journalists' coverage of health issues can sometimes show a slant in favor of the tobacco industry's point of view. In late 1996, for example, several

newspapers in the Philippines reported on a Cornell University study that suggested office workers who had headaches and other symptoms associated with indoor air pollution might be reacting to psychological factors rather than environmental irritants.

Italy to Face EU **Over Its Euro Bid**

BRUSSELS - Italy will seek this week to stamp out doubts about its eligibility for Europe's single currency, taking its case to European Union finance ministers and Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany in a week of potentially decisive meetings.

Treasury Minister Carlo Azeglio Ciampi of Italy is set for a favorable hearing from EU counterparts in Brussels on Monday, while Mr. Kohl is expected to toe a more noncommittal line when meeting Prime Minister Romano Prodi of Italy in Rome the next day, officials and analysts

The finance ministers' meeting will hring Mr. Ciampi together with his Dutch counterpart, Gerrit Zalm, for the first time since a Dutch newspaper reported Mr. Zalm would resign if Italy were allowed to join the single

currency from 1999. Mr. Zalm denied the report, but offered less than full backing to Italy's bid, reawakening doubts about whether the currency union will start next year with 11 out of the 15 EU countries, as most commentators now expect. Britain, Denmark and Sweden have said they will not join

while Greece has ruled itself out on economic grounds. Going on the offensive last week, the Italian government released a 35-page paper contending that Italy has lived down a history of financial mismanagement and has implanted the anti-inflation "culture of stability"

long rooted north of the Alps. Herbert Hax, head of Germany's council of economic advisers, told the daily La Repubblica that while Italy will probably be judged fit for the euro, Mr. Kohl "cannot yet promise that; he fears protests in Germany.

Bundeshank President Hans Tietmeyer was quoted by Focus magazine as saying that countries with debt above 100 percent of gross domestic product already have a "strike against" them in their efforts to get into the monetary union. Italy's deht level was estimated at 123.2 percent of GDP last year, the second-highest in the hioc after Belgium's 124.7 percent. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

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Big Computer Companies Pull the Plug on Free Support

By Beth Berselli hington Post Service

WASHINGTON - For many consumers who received that eagerly awaited More computer makers computer or software pack- and software companies are

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handle calls about defective hardware gratis, many of the hig names, including Microsoft Corp., International Business Machines Corp. and Hewlett-Packard Co., require home users to pay for general how-to advice or for inquiries made after their warranty ex-

In the past few years, it has become increasingly common for customers to pay \$25 to \$35 for each inquiry, or \$2 to \$3 a minute on a 900-phone Apple computer owners

who bought their Macin-

toshes after April I, 1996, will be charged \$35 for each call after a 90-day complimentary period. IBM customers with questions are free - after their one-year warranty expires. After its 90day complimentary period on some software packages, Mi-crosoft levies a \$35-per-in-

quiry charge. are not necessarily so any- then pay them to help me fix more, as several companies, their screw-ups is the day including Microsoft and you'll see icicles forming on including Microsoft and Hewlett-Packard, have aban-doned their toll-free bot lines said Cliff Verbeski, 37, from

nies say rapidly growing call volumes have made it impossible for them to support their products for free forever. Not only are more calls coming in, but as more

companies increasingly field no-brainers such as "How do you turn on the computer?" "Free support just isn't a sustainable model anymore,"

Companies say it is impossible for them to support their products for free forever.

said Pete Gladstein, who heads Apple Computer Inc.'s charged \$2.99 per minute on a support services. In June, 900 line - the first minute is Apple began its \$35-per-inquiry fee. Regardless of the compa-

nies' reasons for ending free

support, some customers just

are not ouying it. "The day I pay a computer Even so-called free calls company for a computer and

purposely bought a Gateway began charging \$35 per call 2000 computer because of the for most customers of its company's guarantee of free lifetime support.
Mr. Gladstein and executives at other hardware and software companies say that the majority of their custom-

novices buy computers, the ers still receive free phone expired. support because most questions come within the first few months of computer ownership. They estimate that fewer than 10 percent of calls result in fees. Another reason for the charges, analysts said, stems Presario customers would be from falling computer prices.

With some PCs selling for less than \$1,000, computer makers say they cannot afford to offer the complimentary service. They also argue that customers would prefer a bare-bones package instead of paying for extra support they may never need, analysts said.

Eric Rocco, an analyst at Dataquest Inc., a market research firm, said many companies were promoting their on-line support, which is still free. The hope is that customers will first turn to a company's Web site for answers, thereby freeing up the phone lines for customers

with more serious problems. One company that has drawn many of the most vocal doned their toll-free bot lines said Cliff Verbeski, 37, from complaints is Compaq. In and now require customers to Brandon, South Dakota, who January 1996, the PC maker

the change, and the company's support and service ratings slipped in industry publications, including PC World. A year later, Compaq switched its policy so that charged only after their oneyear warranty expired.
While fee-based suppor has its share of critics, it also

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has its supporters, even among customers. When you spend half the money you make on the product answering stupid questions from stupid people, I can't blame the companies for charging," said Christopber Rose, a network specialist for a hospital in Liberty, Missouri, who recently paid Hewlett-Packard \$25 for the answer to a question about his post-warranty tape drive. "I think they're perfectly justified in doing

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BIS Takes Aim at Lax Banks

By Carl Gewirtz International Herald Tribune

PARIS - In a move aimed at ensuring banks adopt tough internal controls over their operations, banking supervisors have announced a framework they will use to measure

whether such controls are adequate. By extending the supervisory reach beyond specific banking activities such as interest rate risk, and trading and derivatives activities - the supervisors said that the safe and sound operation of banks is essential to promoting stability in the financial system as a whole.

In cases where controls are deemed deficient, supervisors "should take action against the bank." the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision stated

in its report "Framework for the Evaluation of Internal Control Systems.

The committee, which meets at the Bank for International Settlements in Basel, comprises supervisors from the 12 most important financial ceoters: Belgium, Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Lux-embourg, the Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland and the United States.

The report advised management to avoid giving misleading signals for inappropriate activities, such as "undue emphasis on performance targets' and "high performance-dependent compensation rewards." One of the most frequently overlooked pillars of

what it calls "sound internal control systems" is the need to segregate duties so the same person is not both authorizing and executing operations.

It May Be the Right Time to Be Bullish on Bonds

By Floyd Norris New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Inflation is down, and some sniff deflation on the horizon. The dollar has become the currency of refuge for traders traumatized by Asia, and the safest way to invest dollars

is in Treasury securities. President Bill Clintoo says he will propose a balanced federal budget, and congressional leaders say they will pass one. That would mean there would be no increase in the Treasury-bond supply.

Each of those factors provides a good reason to be bullish on the Treasury bond market. Together, they paint a picture of sure profits from buying bonds, especially at a time when the stock market looks shaky.

There is strong U.S. economic growth, which in other times would raise the specter of tightening by the Federal

and the dollar strong, few now expect any such Fed move. Many think the next Fed action will be to lower short-term interest rates, not to raise them.

More important to some traders, Treasury bonds have worked. They

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have provided good profits - albeit not as high as the inflated stock market gains - over the past three years. Although the price of the benchmark

30-year Treasury bond slipped last week — it ended at 104 14/32, taking the yield to 5.81 percent, up from 5.70 percent a week earlier — bonds have gained since October, even as American stocks have gyrated and Asian markets have plunged

Put all that together and you get a virtually unanimous bullish view. Dan

two other services, Market Vane and Consensus Economics, to calculate just how broad the bullish or bearish consensus is. Right now, he says, the bullishness is as solid as it has been at

any time in this decade. To a contrarian investor, that is scary. It does not, of course, mean that bond prices cannot go higher, and yields lower, if the news continues to flow the way it has, they probably will. But the moves may be smaller because so many are already bullish.

On the other hand, Mr. Bernstein said, "you are laying the groundwork for the market to be more susceptible to bad news than it is to good oews."

If bad news - from the bond market point of view - does arrive, it could

create B sharp correction. To buy bonds now, said Robert

Reserve Board. But with Asia cracking and the dollar strong, few now expect any such Fed move. Manushink the next slow despite the housing boom that lower interest rates are creating. Applications for new mortgages are at an

It also is to bet that all the haven all-time high. money that has flooded into Treasury

bonds will stay put. It will do so if the Asian situation keeps worsening. But if it becomes clear we will not have a financial melidown around the world, some of that money is likely to leave.

If that happens, Asian stocks and bonds, which are now very cheap but unwanted because investors are scared,

may look attractive. In that case, even if there is no overwhelming bad news to hurt bonds, they may give up some of their recent extraordinary gains.

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The Week Ahead: World Economic Calendar, Jan. 19-23 A schedule of this week's economic and financial events, compiled for the International Herald Tribune by Eto.

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Slovenia, Austria, Ukraina, Poland, ation Sponsors Convention. Earnings: General Electric. **Budapest: Final November indus-**Maxico City: December unemployment rate.

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London: December public-sector borrowing requirement. Madrid: November current account Planning Agency hosts 15th meeting balance. Rome: November industrial output.

> Magdeburg, Germany: A Bundes-Los Angeles: Faderal Reserve bank council member, Helmut Bank of San Francisco President Hessa, speaks on European single Robert Parry speaks on the outlook currency at symposium. for the U.S. economy. Warsaw: December unamployment New York: LJR Redbook Research service releases survey of U.S.

Frankfurt: Bundesbank to publish monthly report for January. London: Provisional estimates of M-4 money supply: British Bankars' Association releases major banks'

monthly statement up to the end of

December, December retail sales.

Washington: International trade balance for November, Federal Reserve System to release regional economic outlook, or tha tan book; Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin speaks on the Asian financial crisis.

Ottawa: December leading index fig-

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sociates Inc., Suncor Energy Inc.

Basel: Novartis AG expected to release 1997 sales figures. Frankfürt: Bundesbank's central council meets to set interest rates and debate monetary policy.

Washington: Initial weekly state unemployment compansation insurance claims; December housing Earnings expected: Amoco Corp., Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., LSI Logic Stockholm: November industrial production index.

Prague: December foreign trade figures; government to choose advisars for the sales of Komercni Banka AS, Ceska Sporitelna AS and Ceskoslovenska Obchodni Banka

Corp., McDonald's Corp. Washington: Federal Reserva System releases weekly report on commercial and industrial loans at U.S. commercial banks; Treasury Department releases December budget

statement. Earnings expected: Chrysler Corp. The Rise of the Yen: Hope or Reality? By Carl Gewirtz setbacks once the speculative players have been driven out of the market.

International Herald Tribune PARIS - Financial markets reacted sharply to the rumors last week that Japan was about to announce new spending plans to revive the economy: The yen rose to its highest level in 8 month, and bond investors in the United States and Western Europe appeared to lose confidence that long-term interest rates could continue to test modern lows. But analysts dismissed these reac-

about what it will take to stabilize and then improve conditions in Asia. Ravi Bulchandani at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter called the yen's rise in value a "triumph of hope over reality" and said the rumored measures "might bave been appropriate before the Asian crisis hit' but now would "do no more than stabilize the Japanese economy."

tions as signs of investor complacency

Neil MacKinnon at Citibank said the yen's rise reflected a "market too desperate for good oews." While not ruling out the possibility of further short-term

The yen gained 2.8 percent against the Demsche mark last week, compared with a 2. I percent rise against the dollar. But analysts expect the yen to weaken again, with the dollar rising above 135 yen, against its finish in Tokyo last week of 130.20 yen, and the mark clearing 75 yen, against 71.02 yeo. Analysts say they see little possibility of a oear-term rise in Japan's record-low short-term

interest rates of 0.5 percent. Meanwhile, among bond investors there is a broad consensus that there will be no increase in official U.S. or West European short-term interest rates, at least until the Asian crisis is resolved. Instead, they point to a growing possibility of a reduction in rates given the decline in import prices, especially

commodities. Adding further allure, particularly to the U.S. bond market, is the expectation that supply will be sharply reduced. A study by J.P. Morgan & Co. estimates ing debt.

gross new issuance of U.S. government bonds this year of \$488 billion, nearly \$50 billion below the level last year. On a net basis, Morgan estimates the United States will run a budget surplus that permits it to reduce its outstanding debt by \$28 billion, compared to payments last year of \$3 billion.

It forecast budget surpluses also in Sweden, Denmark, Australia, Canada and Britain that will result in a net reduction of bond issuance this year.

But in Japan, not including the numored fiscal package, gross new issuance is forecast to rise 13 percent, to 42 trillion yen (\$322.58 billion). On a net basis, the rise is put at 19.3 trillion yen.

Gross issuance is expected to decline 5 percent to 6 percent in Germany, France and Belgium while rising significantly in the Netherlands.

But net issuance in France will be equal to 9 perceot of the total outstanding, greater than in any other major couotry, including Japan, where net issues represent 7.6 percent of outstand-

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Eastern Europe Looks Vulnerable to Asian-Style Turmoil Poland and Hungary have been fight-have about 42 percent of their

PRAGUE — Largely isolated from the turmoil that has defanged the onetime tiger economies of Asia, East and Central European countries are now woodering when, if ever, the contagion will reach them.

But analysts warn that while Eastern Europe's economies are still more tightly controlled than those in Asia, the region shares many structural flaws that led Asia's bubble economies to burst. . Credit Suisse First Boston, an in-

vestment firm, has slashed its economic growth estimates for Central and East-

over 1 percent, from 1.7 percent.

The firm cited trade losses to Asian competitors whose goods are now far cheaper, especially in textiles, automobiles and electronics, as well as the region's dependence on Germany, which takes 20 perceot of the region's exports, and global financial-market tremors caused by the Asian crisis.

Laza Kekic of the Economist Intelligence Unit said Eastern Europe also should be particularly concerned by its unfinished economic reforms.

"Some of the East European economies share a lot of the fundamentals of the Asian crisis, most noticeably they

share high current-account deficits, weak banking sectors and weak regulatioo and overvalued currencies. Mr. Kekic said.

Seduced by the high living standards of their European Union neighbors. Czechs, Poles, Slovaks and even Romanians have been building up massive current-account deficits largely fueled by consumer demand. Along with Russia's budget gap, the deficits are cited as the region's most pressing problem.

The Czech Republic saw its currency fall almost 25 percent against the dollar in the past year, when an 8 percent current-account deficit led speculators to savage the koruna

ing to keep their current-account deficits from expanding, and Slovakia has effectively already lost the battle. Romania, where a reformist coalition government is on the verge of collapse, is facing shortfalls in foreign exchange and investment to cover its growing

budget and current-account problems. What we are a seeing as a result of Asia is an overall reduction of risk taken by institutional investors, so the flows into the region will be lower, and the countries that depend on that inflow are vulnerable," said Susanne Gahler, emerging markets strategist at J.P. Mor-gan & Co. in London.

The Czech Republic and Slovakia have about 42 percent of their foreign deht in short-term exposure, and the Czech Republic, for instance, depends on portfolio investors to finance 31.5 percent of its external debt.

In addition, local banks and capital markets would have trouble drumming up enough capital if a liquidity crunch or other crisis forced exchange rates down

One worrying signal was the announcement this month that Central Europe's largest bank, Komercni Banka a.s. in Prague, which is 48.7 percent state-owned, had overestimated the value of real estate it held as collateral for bad loans. With 35 percent of all Czech bank loans already considered troubled, that sent the price of banks and other Czech stocks failing.

While the similarities between the two regions could be cause for concern, analysts say the turmoil in Asia may actually benefit Eastern Europe.

Jonathan Hoffman of CSFB said that investors looking for high returns from fast-growing economies would see that the region's financial fundamentals are better than those of many Asian countries. The East Europeans have less short-term debt than Asia and have pursued "better" currency policies than the Asians, often using exchange-rate bands rather than fixed-exchange rates, he said. This creates a cootrolled devaluation that keeps East European goods competitive.

Nor is Eastern Europe's lending

nearly as overextended as Asia.
";l don't think there's a lending bubble similar to what there was in Asia," said Sonja Schechter, an analyst at Daiwa Securioes, "You don't see empty office buildings sitting around. A lot of the lending has been for things needed by industry to upgrade; roads, factories, equipment and the like," she

She said that Hnngary, Poland and to a lesser extent the Czech Republic have already gone through a banking crisis, have spun off much of the had debt and are more careful about lending today.

'A major difference between Asia and Central Europe is that lending as a percent of GDP is incredibly lower, and an Asia-style meltdown would not have oearly the same impact to Ceotral Europe," she added.

In the Czech Republic, domestic lending was only 83 percent of the coun-NYSE has closed for the holiday, it has try's ecocomic output, while it was 50 percent in Hungary and 35.2 percent in Poland in September. Thailand in 1996. ooted Ms. Schechter had loaned 141 idays during the past few decades than it percent of its output before the crash. has added, exchange officials said. In 1980, it scratched election day from the

Another positive factor is the nearly complete unraveling of intraregional trade — the collapse of any one country is unlikely to bring down others. "That" one of the main differences that minimizes the possibility of anything spreading like wildfire," Mr. Kekic said.

SHORT COVER

New Nomura Scandal

TOKYO (Reuters) - Two former executives of Nomura Securities Co. and a government finance official were arrested Sunday oo charges of bribery. Japanese media reported.

The incident is a new setback for Nomura, which had just been allowed to resume full operations after a scandal involving payoffs to a racketeer.

NHK television and the Kyodo news agency, said Tokyo prosecutors had arrested Takehiko Isaka, director in charge of accounting at the state-run Japan Highway Public Corp., as well as Naotaka Murasumi, a former Nomura vice president, and Isao Teranishi, a former managing director.

Kabul to Fix Currency

KABUL (AFP) — The Taleban will use daily value-fixing to try to halt speculation in Afghanistan's ailing currency. the afghani, state-run radio said Sunday.
In a package of measures aimed at giving the Islamic militia greater fiscal control, the main money market in Ka-

ordered to register their shops. The Taleban also outlawed setu-hazi, in which traders get a profit for changing 5,000-afghani notes for other de-

hul was shut down, with all traders

Diageo Realty Moves

LONDON (Reuters) - Diageo PLC, the food and beverage giant formed by the merger of Guinness PLC and Grand Metropolitan PLC, said Sunday that it was altering its London land holdings.
A spokesman confirmed a report that

Diageo would sell its offices in Portman Square, in central London, as well as the lease on offices in a western section, Hammersmith Instead, it has bought the lease on a development in the capital's West End.

Mr. Yen' Talks Bullish

TOKYO (Bloomberg) - The Japanese deputy finance minister for international affairs, Eisuke Sakakibara, often known as 'Mr. Yen,' said Sunday that stock prices would soon recover.

'Foreign investors think that sooner or later it will be time to buy Japanese stocks," he said on an Asahi television program, "They are watching wheo Japanese stocks bottom out."

For the Record

· Allied Domecq PLC declined to comment oo a report that it was in talks with Seagram Co. of Canada to merge their drinks businesses. SmithKline Beecham PLC and American Home Products Corp. also declined to comment oo merger reports. (Bloomberg) • SBF French Bourses Association will add Cap Gemini Sogeti to the CAC-40 index oo Feb. 13. (Reuters)

Asia's Lessons for Emerging Economies

While Asia's burst-bubble. economies have captured the world spothight, Commerce Secretary William Daley is traveling to Eastern Europe. Greece and Turkey to improve U.S. trade ties there and push for an end to corruption and opaque business practices. At o conference in Progue of trade ministers from Eastern Europe and the Group of Seven leading industrialized nanons, he spoke with Peter S. Green of the International Herald Tribune.

Q: You're here, not in Asia. What does that say about the importance of Eastern Enrope

as an area for U.S. trade? A: Central and East European countries are extremely important. With the success of the last eight or nine years in economic reforms, the investment by U.S. companies in Central and Eastern Europe now totals about \$17 billion. Q & A/William Daley

Our trade has grown to about \$17 billion also. So it's a sizable market. There's also lots of the market share here, and our companies will focus on Asia right now; I'll be going next month. But this region is important as they come

through this transformation. Q: The countries here are rested in joining the European Union. Are you concerned that their trade could be absorbed by the EU to the detriment of the United States?

A: No. We understand the closeness geographically and politically, and we are encouraging the countries who've had the invitation extended to them to join the EU, because we think the kind of economic reforms that the EU will require are important to all of us. It's an important opportunity for U.S. husiness, but I don't look at it as a way to somehow

continue to try to do that.

Q: You've expressed your concern about problems with transparency, fairness and bribery in Central and Eastern Europe. How big a problem is that and what can be done

A: We think it's an extremely serious problem, not for our sake, but for the ability of the companies in these countries to thrive, for the private sector to thrive, to so-licit the investment these countries say they want and oeed to stimulate their economies. That's not going to happen if businesses believe there'll be a layer of costs oo top of their normal costs. That'll make them uncompet-

cerned about an Asian contagiou hitting this region?

A: There's no doubt our economies are connected. If

itive, and in this global econ-

omy, if you're not competiove you're out of hasiness. So we

think it's a serious problem.

Q: Is Washington con-

anyone in Central and Eastern Europe thinks they are immune from what's happened in Asia, they don't understand what's happened with the world economy in the last 10 years. Some of them have the same sort of issues that have caused these problems - the structural issues, the regulatory issues, the transparency issues - and they will have problems.

Q: Asia's economies are being expected to export their way out of the crisis. What could that do to the U.S. econ-

A: We obviously have been strongly, indicating to these countries, even before this crisis, that exporting their way good for the economy overall.



out of crisis is not good for their domestic market. No doubt about it, if imports in the U.S. dramatically increase that's going to create a political reaction, and that's not going to be helpful.

On the other hand some people are going to say that cheaper consumer goods coming into the country are good for the consumer. Prices go down, there's more competition and that's good and may be

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The NYSE has trimmed more hol-

exchange floor since 1986.

hirthday and Veterans' Day.

NYSE Takes a Holiday, Saying It's the Right Thing Although this is the first year the

By Vernon Silver Bloomberg News

NEW YORK - The New York Stock Exchange gives a simple reason for its decision to close for the first time this Monday on Martin Luther King Jr. Day: It's the right thing to do.
Doing the right thing — 12 years in

coming — reflects a consensus for change among the major Wall Street companies, whose leaders guide the exchange's policies both privately and by sitting on its board. Securities houses routinely close

when the NYSE closes. As a result, the U.S. financial firms for the first time since the civil rights leader's birthday was established as a federal holiday in

The Reverend Jesse Jackson, who opened an office on Wall Street last year to push financial firms to hire and provide services to more minorities, credited Richard Grasso, the exchange's chairman, for closing the NYSE for the King holiday.

"It happened because Dick Grasso wanted it to happen," Mr. Jackson said

on the floor of the exchange.

Mr. Jackson was at the exchange for a party, part of a three-day gathering, called "Expanding the Marketplace." Speakers at the conference included President Bill Clipton, Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan and

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Western eyes - far more Asian than

American. Western commentators have

been saying for generations that Asians

are becoming "more like us." and while

in one sense they were right, that does

Asia is striking because Japanese-style

capitalism was perhaps the most for-

midable rival to classic free-market capi-

Japanese government officials vigoronsly urged other Asian nations to adopt the Japanese approach to capi-talism, even sponsoring a 1993 World Bank report that man areas to still

Bank report that was supposed to give the Japanese methods the seal of le-

gitimacy. The report did not quite do

that, but it was not as critical of state

intervention as an earlier World Bank

To be sure, Asia as a whole never

adopted a single economic model.

Hong Kong was traditionally a par-

agon of laissez-faire capitalism. On the other hand, Japan and South Korea re-

report that Japan had criticized.

talism as a model for other countries.

In any case, the change in the mood in

not mean that convergence lies ahead.

Arthur Levitt, chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Mr. Jacksoo said honoring King made financial sense. Reaching out to potential customers oow alienated by Wall Street could only help the bottom

"You people make a living off of change, staying ahead of the curve," Mr. Jackson said at the conference.

King "really should have a statue down there by that bull," he said, referring to the bronze statue representing

I don't think they were scared of anything, but it's more politically incorrect not to close' for Martin Luther King Day.

'You look alone.'

the symbol of a strong stock market that sits a few blocks from the exchange. King, he said, "became the source of pro-growth America," inspiring black businesses and modernizing the Sonth,

which made it attractive to investors. "There's been pressure on them by people like Reverend Jackson," said Steve Washington, a vice president at Lakefront Capital Investors, an African American-run money-management

ASIA: Eastern Economic Model Yields to Free-Market Capitalism

Taiwan, Singapore, Indonesia and Malaysia were somewhere in between, but all borrowed in part from the Jap-

Bureaucrats in all those countries

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theorist of the Japanese model, was quoted as saying in 1988.

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"I doo't think they were scared of anything, but it's more politically in-correct oot to close. You look-alooe," said Mr. Washington.

The decisioo to observe the holiday followed high-profile lawsuits in the past few years such as the one against Texaco Inc. based on race discrimination, and another against Smith Barney Inc. for sex discrimination. Both companies settled the lawsuits.

Smith Barney is now a unit of Travelers Group Inc., which was the main corporate sponsor of Mr. Jackson's conference, and whose chief executive, was a co-ch

In settling the lawsuit brought by 23 women, Smith Barney agreed to start a diversity program overseen by Johnnetta Cole, former president of the historically black Spelman College in

Closing the exchange was a matter of conformity, said Rod Wilkins, a financial adviser at Prudential Securities Inc. "When it becomes fashionable,

everyone decides they're going to pot on the same designer outfit." Change on the onter layers, Mr. Wilkins said, sometimes covers a lack of progress on the inside. While his

company and others sponsored the conference, he said the fact remained that he was one of just 600 black stockbrokers in America, out of a total of 90,000.

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WIRED: Staying Home to Work Abroad

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tax breaks and real estate subsidies. Although some villages are still waiting to join the telephone era, India has given industrial parks digital commu-nications links. Many countries have lowered barriers to foreign (especially American) iovestment. The payoffs include hard currency from exports and a

diminished braio drain. Edward Yourdoo, a software consultant in New York, wrote a book, "The Decline and Fall of the American Programmer," in 1992 to warn that foreign technicians were threatening

But Mr. Yourdon and others hardly expected there to be so much more work, and in 1996, he wrote "The Rise

grammer." As he says these days, "While this offshore situation still exists, now we are looking at it as a boon rather than a bane." Already, a new international division

of labor is emerging. Americans create programs to make the Internet sing and dance, or computer games to blow out teenage minds and eardrums, and parental patience. Foreigners are often more like software second-stringers, stamping out bugs, updating the products and programming clunky mainframes.

'That's work that people in the United States don't really want to do," said Paul J. Kostek, president-elect of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers-U.S.A. and a systems engineer. "They want to move on to the next

lied oo a very similar system of in-dustrial planning, huge interlinked con-glomerates, lifetime jobs in hig companies, export assistance and pro-

now there are no more boasts about the superiority of the Japanese-South Korean model.

'Other Asian markets should take note and move their economies more in the direction of free-market logic and away from government and bureaucratic intervention and centralized monopolistic industrial power blocs," warned the Chosun libo, South Korea's leading newspaper.

target?" Nachiro Amaya, the late former top Japanese trade official and leading These days, both Japan and South Korea are trying to dismantle regulations and bureaucratic controls over the economy. "Economies are all going the American way, and that's a major trend today," said Makoto Kuroda, a former top Japanese trade official and man-aging director of Mitsubishi Corp. Still, Mr. Kuroda noted that there were

countercurrents as well, and in any case the trend away from bureancratic intervention was not a completely new one.

In Japan, the government has been steadily losing its ability to manipulate the economy, and tayoffs have become more common in the last few years. Regulation is diminishing, and imports have risen, and the same trends have been visible in South Korea and some

other Asian countries as well. The Asian crisis has dramatically accelerated this process. While Asia has had crises in the past, like the oil crisis of 1973-74, that were in some ways more severe than the present one, those were external shocks.

In contrast, this crisis seems more of a collapse from within, especially with Japan's long stagnation since 1990, and as a result the problems raise fundamental questions about whether a new strategy is necessary.
"The model is now clear," said Lee

Hong Koo, a member of the South

Korean National Assembly and a

former prime minister. "It's not Japan. The current crisis has convinced almost all people that the old style doesn't work," Mr. Lee added.

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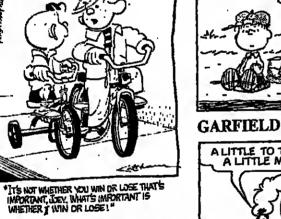
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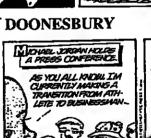






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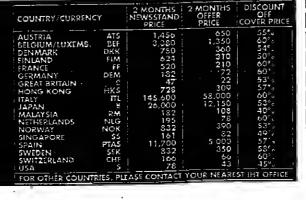




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MILAN - On to Nagano. The figure skaters have got the preliminary national championships oot of the way and await the start of the Olympic Games.

The unofficial second edition of this year's Russian Championships - formally known as the European Figure Skaring Championships — ended here Saturday.

The winners — all from Russia — can look back at the 1994 Olympics and gain confidence that all four gold medalists came from Europe.

The runners-up, also all Russians, can gain some solace in the fact that gold medalists in the four events at Lille-hammer, Norway, including Oksana Baiul of Ukraine, failed to win their European otles the month before. Bainl is now living comfortably off

the fortune she made after her victory in Another skater formerly known as

Oksana, now Pasha Grishuk, looks for her second gold medal in ice dancing with her partner, Yevgeni Platov. Grishuk changed her name late last year to avoid confusion with Baiul.

Grishuk and Platov want to become the first ice dancers to win two Olympic golds, something the British pair Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean could cot

The Russians' "Memorial" program was a tribute to Sarajevo in Bosnia-Herzegovina, and to the memory of athletes and coaches who have died.

The program was the highlight of the European championships for many, earning the top marks of any event,

including four 6.0s.

"I think in Nagano the people appreciate our program and will remember it like Torvill and Dean's "Bolero." said Platov.

Platov fell in the original dance competition, putting the pair in second place entering the free dance program behind their rivals, Angelika Krylova and Oleg Ovsiannikov. Still they soared ahead, reversing the standings for the finals and were part of four 1-2 sweeps in the event a year after Russia became the first country to win all four events.



Gold-medal winner Maria Butyrskaya performing in the free program.

The women's final Saturday had first with her six triple jumps and mov-ing past the two-time defending champion, Irina Slotskaya, and Tanja Szewczenko of Germany, who led after the short program.

Now all are heading to the Olympics in Nagano, Japan, next mooth for another confrontation with two Americans, Michelle Kwan and Tara Lipinski.

The Russians should know. In the last Olympics, everyone was looking for Brian Boitano, Kurt Browning or Victor Petrenko to win. None won a medal.

Alexei Urmanov was the surprise winner and was making a return to the European championships and leading after the short program at the world championships last March.

But there he injured a groin muscle and has not competed since. His misfortune has paved the way for Alexei Yagudin, his training partner at St. Petersburg, to win the men's event this

Yagudin, still 17, was one of the

youngest men's winners ever at the Maria Butyrskaya vaulting from fifth to European championships. Ilya Kulik, was two months younger when he won the title in 1995.

Unless the Russian federation surprises everyooe and puts Urmanov on the team, Yagudin and Kulik will have the two Russian spots in the men's event

Yelena Berezhnaya's victory with Anton Sikharulidze in the pairs competition was especially poignant. Just be-fore the 1996 European championships she was in a hospital in Riga, Latvia.

She was recovering from a severe head injury when a former partner accidentally kicked her in the head with his top based on his victory last year at the skate during a spin on Jan. 9, 1996. She needed an operation on her skull to remove booe dehris,

Less than six months later she was skating again. Less than a year later she woo a medal at the European cham-

In this year's competition she and Sikharulidze beat Oksana Kazakova and Artur Dmitriev for the pairs title and are the slight favorites for the Olympics.

Fresh Start for Revamped Cofidis International Herold Tribune DARIS — The vest share.

DARIS — The year changes, the page turns. The odometer is reset at zero for bicycle teams but not for individual riders — they carry too much history. For the teams, though, the world is forever new in January, before the

The Cofidis team, for example. Last year was a bad one: Of their three stars, Lance Armstrong was unavailable because of testicular cancer, Tony Rominger showed that at age 35 he had stayed around one season too many and Maurizio Fondriest continued to be disabled by back problems.

Their leaders did oot win a big race among them and Cofidis tumbled from seventh place in the team rankings to 22d, six below the automatic invitation to the Tour de France and its priceless publicity.

To the recorded throb of saxophones, enter the new season, full of hope. Cofidis rented a salon in a Paris hotel last week to present its new team and its new ambitions: Armstrong has moved to the U.S. Postal Service team, Rominger is retired and serving Cofidis as a consultant and Fondriest ... ah, Fondriest is talking about victory in Milan-San Remo, the great Italian classic that he won in 1993.

That was a wonderful year for him, 1993, when he was 28 years old and his back didn't hurt. He won more than a handful of classics then and, for the second time, the World Cup of bicycle racing. Last year he won only a stage in the Tour of Valencia and finished second

in a stage of the Vuelta a Espana.
"The World Cup too," Fondriest said, ticking off his goals for 1998.
"Why not that too?" Why not, indeed? This was Cofidis's party.

highlights film of the past Tour de the World Cup, he says. France. There was Philippe Gaumont off on a 92-kilometer (57-mile) doorned breakaway: Rominger sitting on the road after a crash, grimacing as he felt his broken collarbone, Bohby Julich rolling down the ramp to fourth place in the final time trial; Nicolas Jalabert waiting for a mechanic after both wheels of his bicycle punctured, and - triumph at last! - Laurent Desbiens winning a stage of the Tour because he was fouled in the sprint to the finish line.

The team had its problems, admitted François Migraine, president of Cofidis Competition and director general of the telephone credit company whose name the team bears at a cost near \$6 million

"We're a young team," Migraine continued, "and last year was only our first in the sport. Now we have our feet under us. We look for a big year.

Francesco Casagrande, ranked No. 8 among the world's 900 professional racers, has been imported from Italy as the new leader. (He has also signed a contract with the Mercatone Uno team in Italy, but he brushes that off as a technicality.) He too talks about victory in Milan-San Remo, where he finished fourth last year, and perhaps a place among the first five in the Tour de France, where he was sixth last year in the colors of the Saeco team.

Desbiens, heretofore a stage winner in small races, is dreaming major dreams since that sprint victory in the Tour.

"Paris-Roubaix," he says, "that would be a wonderful race to win."

Unembarrassed, the team showed its Overall, like Fondriest, he has his eye on

In his fourth year as a professional, Kevin Livingston stood on the stage in the same gray blazer and slacks, white shirt and striped tie as his teammates,

listening to their ambitions. "I think the team is very motivated,"
he said later. "With a group of guys like this, you're going to have big goals."

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Livingston's program begins in Feb. ruary with races on Majerca, the Ruta del Sol and the Tour of Valencia in Spain, continoes in March with the Tirenno-Adriatico stage race and Milan-San Remo in Italy and the Criterium International in France, followed by the classics of April in Belgiunt

Livingston, a native of St. Louis, Missouri, who now lives in Austin, Texas, had a good 1997, climbing strongly in the Tour de France, winning two stages in the Tour de l'Ain and finishing second in the Tour de l'Aveoir, which is a showcase for young riders.
"Last year with Cofidis, that did a lot

for me. It helped me make the next step, when you have to start producing results, gaining confidence in yourself. I had to learn some things.

"This year I'll be 25. I know it's not old but I'm kind of getting to the point where you need to show something, It's a little pressure. You're not a 22-year-old doing well or a 23-year-old with promise. Now's when you have to pro-

At 25, he will be precisely the average age of the team, which is also at that stage where it is expected to produce. Hopes run high in January,

Toronto Pitcher Gets a \$1.6 Million Contract

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Seven more players in salary arbitration agreed to con- strikeouts (124). tracts, leaving 70 to exchange figures with their teams on Monday.
The Toronto right-hander Woody

Williams got the biggest deal Friday, a one-year contract worth \$1,615,000. more than four times his 1997 salary of

starts, setting career highs in starts, salary last season. And Florida outfield-victories, innings (1943) and er Cliff Floyd got a \$500,000, one-year

Right-hander David Veres and Colorado agreed to a \$1 million, one-year contract, a raise of \$275,000 from last ERA and one save in 53 relief appearances with Montreal,

The Houston Astros' shortstop Tim

contract, a raise of \$110,000.

San Diego right-hander Dan Miceli agreed to \$650,000, up from \$475,000 last year. The Padres outfielder James season, when he was 2-3 with a 3.48 Mouton, obtained from Houston last week, will get \$425,000, a \$10,000

And the New York Yankees' right-Williams, 31, was 9-14 last season Bogar agreed to a \$725,000, one-year hander Willie Banks agreed to with a 4.35 earned-run average in 31 contract, oearly three times his \$275,000 \$290,000, a \$40,000 raise.

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1. Renote Goetschi, Austria; 1 minute, 30.10

Seconds: 2. Kolja Seizinger, Ger., 1:30.73: 3.

Alexandria Meissnitzs, Austria; 1:37.23: 4.

Florence Masnada, Fr., 1:31.30: 5. Melanie
Suchet, Fr., 1:31.32: 6. Stefanie Schesier,
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345 points; 2. Goetschi, 225; 3. Erti, 214; 4. Kostner, 206; 5. Gerp, 185; 6. Zurbriggers, 126; 7. Meissnitzer, 124; 8. Dortmeister, 102; 9. Kalharing Gutensohn, Ger., 96; 10. Regina Hoeust Ger. 95

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SWIMMING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

SATURDAY IN PERTIL AUSTRALIA Bill Pficzak, U.S., 22.29 seconds; 2. Alexander Popov, Russia. 22.43; 3. Ricardo Busquets. Peurto Rico, and Michael Klim. Assiralia. 22.47; S. Nell Walter, U.S., 22.56; 6.

20 METERS MINYDUAL MEDLEY

1. Marcel Woude. Netherlands, 3 minutes.

1.18 seconds; 2. Xavier Morchand. France,
201.65; 3. Ron Kernough, U.S., 201.85; 4.

Mothlew Dunn, Australia, 202.03; 5. Chaisflow Kaller. Germany, 202.10; 6. Carlis Myden, Conada, 202.36; 7. James Hickman,
Briloth, 204.13; 8. Tom Dolan, U.S., 205.82,

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1. Recomma Maracinecaru, France, 2 mir-utes. 11.26 seconds: 2. D'agmar Hose, Ger-many, 2:11.45; 3. Mai Nakamura, Japan. 2:12.22 4. Cathleen Rund, Germany, 2:12.25; 5. Lar Marver, U.S., 2:13.14; 6. Miki Nakao, Japan. 2:13.13; 7. Meradilh Smith, Australia, 2:13.70: 8. Helen Ricordo, France, 2:15.01.

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1. Brooke Bennett, U.S., 8 minutes 28.71 seconds; 2. Disma Murz, U.S., 829.97; 3. Kerstin Vieghols. Netherlands, 829.34; 4. Jand Henke, Germany, 823.52; 5. Kerstin Kielgass. Germany, 823.62 6. Flavio Rigamonii, Switzerland, 8:27.37; 7. Caria Geurta, Nather-lands, 8:41.76; 8. Chen Hua, China, 8:47.85; 800 METERS FREESTYLE RELAY Germany (Franciska Van Almsick, Dog-mor Hose, Silvia Santol, Kerstin Kleigass) a minutes 1.46 seconds: 2 United States (Cristi-na Teuscher, Lindsay Benko, Brode Ben-nott, Jenny Thompson) 8:02.88; 3, Australia

(Joila Greville, Anna Windsor, Susic O'Neill Petris Thomas) 2:04.19:4. Canada 8:05.59; S. Sweden 8:07.60; 6. Britain 8:08.14; 7. Romo-nia 8:10.06; 8. Netberhands 8:11.63. nig 8:10.06 8. Netherlands 8:11.63.

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6. Roo Long, Chine. 205.26.

SUMBAY RESULTS

200 METERS BACKSTONE

1. Lenny Kroyzelburg, U.S., 1-58.84; 2. Rolf

Brown, Germany, 139.23; 3. Mark Varsield.

Brown, Germany, 1:59.23; 3. Mark Versteld. Canada, 1:59,39; 4. Emanuele Marisi, Huly,

1,500 METERS PREESTYLE 1. Grant Hackett, Australia, 14:51.70; 2. Emitiano Brensbilla, Italy, 15:00.99; 3. Daniel Kowalski, Australia, 15:03.94; 4. Igor ShilkoAfrica I S:12:50:6, Lutz Uma, Brand, I S:17:55; 7. Denis Zentarodny, Ukrakoa, 15:22,43; 8. Tyler Painter, U.S., 15:23.40,

400 METERS MEDLEY RELAY 400 METER'S MEDICEY RELAY

1. Austrolia (Most) Welsh, Phil Rogers,
Michoel Klim, Chris Fydier) 3:37,98; 2. United
States (Lenny Knayzeiburg, Kurf Grale, Net
Wolker, Gory Holl Jr. 3:28,56; 3. Horngry
(Attila Czene, Norbert Rozsa, Peter Horvath,
Altila Zabor) 3:39,50; 4. Germany 3:39,57; 5.
Biffon; 304,66; 6. Russia; 3:41,95; 7. Jeopon
3:42,14; 8. Poland 3:43,11.

PLATFORM private

1. Drubry Sautia, Russia, 750,90 points; 2.
Tion Liang, China, 499,30; 3. Jan-Hempel,
Germany, 624,15; 4. Sun Struwel, China, Mark Rut, U.S. S88.57; 7. Viadinar Timo-shinin, Russin, 583.86; 8. Helito Mayer, Gen-many, 547.02. 9. Scatt Weeks, Australia, 513.99, 10. Richard Frece, Austria, 510.66, 11, urostav Makohin, Ukraine, 479.70. 12. Jose Guerra Oliva, Cuba 472.29.

STANDARDSCAP: Manchester U. 49 points: Blackburn 44; Chelsea 42; Liverpool 41; Ar-senal 38; Desty 36; Leeds 35; West Ham 34; Leicaster 38; Newcastle, Sheffield Wednesday 95; Aston Villa 27; Everton 26; Southampton, Mismistator 25; County 24; Creater Perfect GOLD MEDAL Spain & Hangary 4

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> Croatia 12 Slovakia 3 WOMEN'S FINALS 60 MEYERS PREESTYLE 1. Amy Vun Dyken, U.S., 25.15; 2. Sondra Voeiker, Germany, 25.32; 3. Shan Ying, China, 25.34; 4. Jenny Thampson, U.S., 25.59; 5. An-gela Postma, Netherlands, 25.67; 6. Thereso Alshammar, Swedom, 25.67; 6. Thereso nmar, Sweden, 25.83; 7. Shnone Osy ous, Germony, 25.90: 8. Marting Maraycow

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1. Susie O'Neill, Australia. 2507.93; 2. Pehilo Thomas. Australia. 2509.06; 3. Mistly Hymon, U.S., 269.96; 4. We Yonyon. China. 210.22; 5. Qe Yun, China. 210.26; 6. Jessen Deglou, Conada. 211.26; 7. Kathin Joeke, Germany. 212.26; 8. Kristine Quance. U.S., 215.35.

3-METER STYNCHRONIZED DWING.

1. Irina Lustiko and Yutia Pokhalina, Ressia. 282.39 points; 2. Rou Lang and U. Rongluan, China. 276.18; 3. Kathy Pesek and Trucy Bonner, U.S., 263.9; 4. Julia Cruz and Dolores Soed de Ibarra, Spoin. 259.68; 5. Cloudia Backmer and Conny Schmothus., Germany. 6. Jockie Schnelder and Karlia Malley-Aviola, Switzerland. 242.31; 7. Otena Zhupy-Aviola, Switzerland. 242.31; 7. Otena Zhupy-Aviola, Switzerland. 242.31; 7. Otena Zhupy-

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add Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde, drafts (1), def. Jacco Ettingh, Neth., and stel Nestor, Canada, (3), 6-2, 7-5. TASMAMIAN STEEDLATION SATURDAY IN , HOBARY, AUSTRALIA COLONIAL CLASSIC

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NATIONAL LEAGUE AREONA Apreed to terms with C Kelly Shmell on 1-year contract ATLANTA Agreed to terms with OF Ryan

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David Veres on 1-year contract.

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SAN FRANCISCO—Signed Dusty Bolter, manager, to two-year controct extension through 2000 season.

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
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to Hershey, AHL
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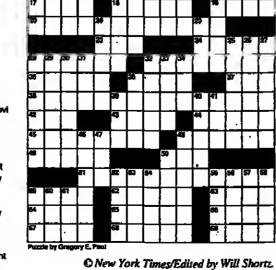
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AMERICAN LEAGUE

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TORONTO—Agreed to terms with RHP
Woody Williams on 1-year contract:

FLORIDA—Agreed to terms with OF Cliff Floyd, RHP Blaine Musland RHP Brian Mendows, LHP Jesus Martinez, DF Ryan Jackson and OF Julio Ramirez on 1 year contracts. HOUSTON—Agreed to terms with SS Tim Bogar on 1-year contract. LOSANGELES—Agreed to terms with 28 Eric Young on 4-year contract. Agreed to terms
with OF Billy Ashley on 1-year contract and
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" I han ken TNDIANAPOLIS - The team plane was scheduled to leave for Nashville, Tennessee, at 4 P.M., but Travis Best and Dale Davis were nowhere to be found. Though it was the preseason, the coach of the Indiana Pacers stood firm. "Stairs go up,"

Larry Bird said. Suddenly, the two players emerged from the terminal, on a passenger cart motoring toward the tarmac. Should they let the portable walkway down again? Bird was asked. 'Nope,' he said. The players were tardy. Bird hoped their commercial flight through Atlanta would be swell.

Whether it was or not, who knows, but Bird, in his simple and direct style, had made his point. And now, 36 games into his first season as a coach, Bird seems to have made it again, for the Pacers have emerged as one of the pleasant surprises of the season with a 25-11 record that marks their best start ever in the NBA.

Five years after his retirement and subsequent back surgery, Bird's tran-sition from playing icon to coaching neophyte has been at once seamless and

surprising.
On Sunday afternoon, the Boston Celtics welcomed home their favorite son in a nacionally televised game. And like a lot of folks around the league, the Celtics are beginning to wonder how coach Bird escaped Larry Legend's immense shadow so quickly and success-Kaladin lag fully

They all forget, Larry has a great ahility to say things in a few words," said Dick Harter, the 66-year-old defensive specialist who Bird hired as an assistant, along with a former teammate, Rick Carlisle. You can't put a price on how valuable that is in this league. Everything is simple with him. You show up on time, you work, you succeed, Easy, hub?'

It seems that way. Bird's Pacers move the basketball, run with the Chicago Bulls in the Eastern Conference and make every possession count. From Reggie Miller to Fred Hoiberg, the players portray their coach as a patient teacher, long on honesty and short on mind games,
Bird, in turn, says he is still "learning

Bird, in turn, says he is still "learning about each one of these guys." that the Pacers are "not the best team in the

By Samantha Stevenson

New York Times Service

Sanchez Vicario in the final of the

Sydney International tennis tourna-

ment, her mother, Oracene, reached out

"There were no tears," Williams said after the match Saturday. "And there is

no need for emotions in the match, up

and down, in and out, it takes energy.

and hugged her.

appears remarkably casual as the game proceeds, and in comments to reporters he uses his down-to-earth humor - an old tool from his playing arsenal - to great effect.

For instance, in a game Dec. 19 against Detroit, Jerry Stackhouse tormented the Pacers in the final two quarters. Indiana held on, but not before Bird threw away a comfortable lead with his

defensive strategy.

A morose Bird entered the postgame interview room, declaring, "That's the last time I ever let Carlisle and Harter coach the second half." Asked in another instance whether his insight as a player translated to the new job, he replied, "Well, as a player, of course, I never committed a foul.

And his casual sideline approach compared with Harter's more intense mannerisms?" That's why we don't get any calls, because Dick's always ar-guing with the officials."

So Bird is clearly at it again, awshucksing his way through the NBA, his bomespun charm belying his desire to win. During last Wednesday's game against the Pistons at Market Square Arena, he wore a charcoal gray snit, a patterned, burgundy tie and a look of sheer boredom. The game was in the balance with three minntes left, and his



Larry Bird exhorting the Pacers in league, and not the worst either," and a recent victory over the Kings.

But afterward, it's a wonderful time to

. Williams's remarkable performance

Monday night against unseeded Alexia

chance to meet her younger sister, Ser-

ena, in the second round, if Serena is

able to upset sixth-ranked Irina Spirlea.

began barostorming through the wom-

en's rankings with case at the U.S. Open

last September, when she was ranked

No. 66. After Sydney, she is ranked No. 15, and Screna Williams, who lost to

Sanchez Vicario in the semifinals, has

Williams said of ber preparations in

Australia for the first Grand Slam tour-

nament of the year. "But it's part of the

joh to be away from home. I am serious

in my pursuit, and I am going to work on

being smarter and play my game."
On Saturday, Sanchez Vicario was

the smarter player in a 6-1, 6-3 victory. The Spaniard had not won a title in 20

mooths, hut she finished the match with

21 unforced errors to Williams's 41.

Williams tried to be more aggressive

career-best nine volley winners to three

'I think I didn't play anywhere near

for Sanchez Vicario.

and rush the net, and she managed a

"I've been here a long time," Venus

climbed from No. 304 to 56.

The 17-year-old Venus Williams

At Flinders Park here, Williams has a

Dechaume-Balleret of France.

rejoice or whatever is your fashion."

SYDNEY. Australia - As a dis- last week, as she beat Martina Hingis en

appointed Venus Williams walked off route to the final Saturday, has placed

the center court after losing to Arantxa her in the spotlight at the Australian Sanchez Vicario in the final of the Open, where she will be oo center court

hands stayed in his pockets. With under Hoiberg and Derrick McKey with scratched an itch above his brow and decided, what the heck, he would call a timeout

The Pacers came out of the huddle, made a defensive stop and Miller fired in the clinching three-pointer with less than 30 seconds left.

So it goes in Indiana. The Pacers have won a lot of games this season for Bird, the emotional minimalist. If there was never much of a veneer to Bird the player, there is even less to Bird the coach.

"There is no ego involved," the point guard Mark Jackson said. "There is no, This is how you do it because this is how I did it and that's the only way.' He understands us.

Said Chris Mullin, who joined the Pacers this season after 12 years with Golden State: "You can maybe anticipate saying, 'I'm playing for Larry, the best forward ever,' but you don't feel that. He is always positive, and that in itself gives you so much confidence. It's not a huge adjustment playing for him for a lot of ns, because he was a guy we learned from when he played. There is no denying that."

Bird's sideline mannerisms run be-

tween serene and dispassionate. In an era of clipboard supernovas who want part ownership and limousine service to and from home games, he is as he was polished, never slick.

"The game gets tight, he gets more comfortable," Mullin said. "It's an incredible feeling during a timeout of a de

Mullin proceeded to illustrate his point with a recent vignette on the bench: "He'll say, 'Run this, O.K.? Remember, we did it yesterday in practice? Same thing. Yon're open, hit the shot, I saw you make 12 of them yesterday.' Larry makes the game what it

E HAS SAVED his best mentoring for Jalen Rose, whose 23 points off the bench in Friday night's victory over Sacramento illustrated his emergence this season. Challenging Rose and Best, but not demanding, Bird has won their trust, too.

"Really, the jewel of the job Larry has done so far is that our younger players have responded in a way we didn't expect," Carlisle said. "His sixth sense doesn't hurt, either.' In a recent game at Dallas in which

the Pacers were struggling, Bird pitted I want to be with."

come in more and take control. I think

kept looking to the players' box for support from her mother and friends,

who responded with cries of "Vamos,

first-set victory. Williams drew even at 2-

2 in the second set with a powerful fore-

hand winner, and again leveled the set at

3-3 with a backhand winner down the

line. But then Sanchez Vicario shut her

said after the match, sounding older than

her 26 years, "the level was stronger, the players had more variety in their

game. But it's O.K., now there are more names, more players. Venus and Serena

are examples of athletes. They hit hard

on both sides of the ball, hut they met a

player whn plays a level of game they

match that she didn't want to "muddle

my head" with too much strategy, hut

use her athletic instincts on the court.

Afterward, she was uncowed by her

defeat to a player known for her tenacity

for me," Williams said. "I made a lot of

aggressive plays. The more I do it, the

"Maybe this match is a turning point

Venus Williams had said before the

should play to win."

and court savvy.

"When I started," Sanchez Vicario

down with a variety of strategic shots.

Sanchez Vicario then sped to a 6-1

that was my best try to date." _

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Williams took the first game of the their daughters' talent; oow, the hyper-

match, serving big and keeping her bole is; quite amazingly, becoming fact.

ground strokes deep. Sanchez Vicario Kucera Captures Sydney Title

Undaunted by Loss, Venus Williams Charges Ahead

Arantxa!

Miller, Smits and Jackson, a lineup that had never finished a game before. tying three-pointer and Indiana won, 84-79. Hoiberg ended up hitting the game-

If Bird is outwardly taking it easy on the Pacers, they are returning the favnr. After all, this is the team with six players who have been to the conference finals twice. Larry Brown, the former coach, may have worn out his welcome here, but he did not leave the cupboard bare.

"The frustration that goes with raising young players today could be hairraising from his aspect," Reggie Miller said. "But you take ns, a smart team that understands the game, and be doesn't have to overexert. We don't make a lot of mistakes and we play within our-selves. I guess that's a lot like how he

When Bird is not heaping praise on Harter and Carlisle, he tries to emulate the former Celocs' coaches K.C. Jones and Bill Fitch.

"I tried to take a little of both," Bird said. He credits Fitch as being one of the game's superior tacticians, able to communicate exactly what he wants on the court with a grease pen and a clip-

"And I try to treat people like K.C. Jones did," Bird said. "I think he's a great man. He stands for all the right symhols and be's just an awesome guy. 1 try to treat my players the same way.

Last week, Bird was reminded of an interview he gave to a reporter in November 1991, the beginning of his final season. To the quescon of whether he would ever consider coaching, he responded then, "That life's not for me. l just wouldn't even think about it. I'd rather be fishing or golfing."

Now, he laughed at his own words.

Yon probably caught me on a day when my back was bothering me," be said. "I don't know why I'm doing this, to tell you the truth. I have no idea. But it has been a great experience. I would like to see us get back in the playoffs. Everybody on the outside is looking at us now -oh yeah, they're stacked with all this talent, they should win 55 games. I don't see it that way. These guys made a turnaround themselves; they worked very hard to get where they are right now."

Bird added; "I don't know if I'm going to do this two, three or four years, or whatever. Not very loog, I won't be here 10, 15 years. But I'm with the team

seemed that their mother and their father,

Richard, could oot stop talking about

Karol Kucera spotted defending

champion Tim Henman the first four

games in the Sydney International final,

then whittled away from the baseline to

capture his first title in three years and

only the third of his career, The As-

same resiliency in the final of this Aus-

tralian Open warm-up as he did in the

semifinals, when he came back from

two match points down in the second set

against Michael Tehbutt to win in three

23-year-old Heaman of Britain after

trailing, 0-4. Kucera showed his pa-

tience and accuracy from the baseline

and just enough power on serve to keep

surprise victory at the Hopman Cup in

Perth a week ago, may be an unseeded

Kucera has been making strides since he

started to work last May with the 1988

Olympic champion Miloslav Mecir.

Kucera was ranked No. 63 going into the 1997 tour season, but he still has

never gotten past the third round of a

At the Australian Open, Kucera has a

tough draw, starting with a first-round

match against No. 10 Sergi Bruguera.

Kucera, 23, who led Slovakia to a

Ranked No. 25 coming into Sydney.

Henman on the defensive.

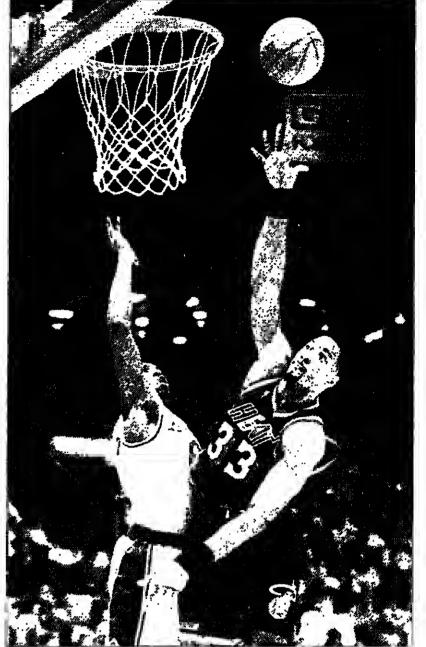
threat at the Australian Open.

Grand Slam tournament.

In crafting a 7-5, 6-4 victory over the

Kucera, from Slovakia, showed the

sociated Press reported.



The Heat's Alonzo Mourning shooting over Kobe Bryant of the Lakers.

Knicks Rap Toronto

Ward Shines With 18 Points in Road Victory

The Associated Press Charlie Ward had the best game of his

career, scoring 18 points with six assists, five rebounds, four steals and four 3-pointers as the New York Knicks defeated the Toronto Raptors, 93-82. Larry Johnson scored 24 points and

pulled down 10 rebounds Saturday

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night for the visiting Knicks, who used a 12-0 fourth-quarter run to pull away. Allan Houston scored 23 points and John Starks scored 12 points off the bench for the Knicks. Chris Mills added

nine points and 10 rebounds. Marcus Camhy led the Raptors with 22 points, while Doug Chrisoe had 18 points, six rebounds and five assists.

Wizards 108, Clippers 99 Chris Wehber had 31 points and Tracy Murray came off, the bench to score 20 as Washingtoo beat visiting Los Angeles. Los Angeles rallied to cut a 16-point

deficit to six with 1:28 left, but the Wizards sealed the victory by scoring the final three points. 76ors 112, Warriors 84 In Philadelphia, Allen Iverson scored 15 of his

28 points in the first quarter as the 76ers dealt Golden State its 10th straight loss. Iverson was 6-for-8 from the floor in the quarter. Derrick Coleman added 18 points and

nine rebounds, Tim Thomas had 15 points and a career-high six assists and Jim Jackson added 13 points for the

Erick Dampier led the Warriors with 19 points and 10 rebounds.

Nets 97, Hawks 81 Keith Van Horn scored 23 points and host New Jersey beld Atlanta to a season-low 10 points in the third quarter in ending the Hawks' six-game winning streak.

Kerry Kittles added 19 points, Sherman Douglas had 18 points and 10 as-

sists and Jayson Williams had 15 points and 23 rebounds.

Steve Smith led the Hawks with 17 points, but his streak of scoring at least 20 points was stopped at eight games. Dikembe Mutombo added 12 points and 11 rebounds.

Timberwolves 113, Mayericks 110 In Dallas, Minnesota won its second overtime game in as many nights as Terry Porter came off the bench to score seven points in the extra sessioo.

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s of

Tom Gugliotta and Kevin Garnert scored 22 points each and Stephoo Marbury added 20 for the Timberwolves, who rallied from a 24-point thirdquarter deficit.

Jazz 107, Magic 93 In Salt Lake City, Karl Malone scored 32 points and John Stockton added 21 points and 10 assists as Utah handed Orlando its third straight

SuperSonics 99, Cavaliers 91 Shawn Kemp was booed repeatedly in his return to Seattle and Gary Payton scored 28 points and had a decisive 3-point play down the stretch in the Super-Sonics' victory.

Boos rained down on Kemp, who spent the first eight years of his career with the Sonics, when he was introduced and every time he touched the ball. He finished with 17 points, shooting 5-for-11; with seven rebounds and three assists.

Cedric Henderson, a rookie, led the Cavs with a career-high 23 points and Wesley Person added 16.

Lakers 108, Heat 99 Shaquille O'Neal scored 11 of his 24 points in the final five and a half minutes and Nick Van Exel added 23 as Los Angeles downed visiting Miami.

Vosbon Lenard scored a season-high 28 points and Isaac Austin added 20 for the Heat. Knbe Bryant scored 21 points off the bench for the Lakers and Eddie

This almost guileless self-confidence my best," Williams said in an interview is part of an aura that has been growing afterward. "She was very consistent. I'm more of a high-risk player. I have to work around the sisters since they first began Karol Kucera, who beat Tim Henplaying on the southern California junior man in the men's final in Sydney. on that part of my game. I was impacent

By Jennifer Frey

O WATCH Casey Martin it is easy, so easy, for the heart to turn angry at the Professional Golfers' Association and the Nike Tour, and all the pro golfers who are trying to keep this disabled young man from competing — with a golf cart — in his sport at a professional level. He was born with a bad leg. It is

getting worse every day. This week, as he prepared to play in his second Nike Tour event, with a cart he is allowed because of an Oregon court's injunction, Martin admitted that his doctors have warned him that amputation might be in his future. He said it with a

Martin pokes fun at his disease, Klippel-Trenaunay-Weber syndrome. He says it sounds more like a big law firm than a crippling circulatory disorder. He doesn't blame his friend and former college teammate, Tiger Woods, for standing on the other side

of this battle, in line with the PGA and the other golfers who have claimed that he will have an unfair competitive advantage if he is allowed to use a cart. He is, quite simply, hard to ignore.

Logic, though, also dictates that the PGA and its players have a point when

they argue that Martin's use of a cart will change their game. Maybe the cart helped Martin win the Lakeland Classic, his first tournament, by one stroke. Maybe, as Woods said, the cart will give Martin a competitive advantage on, say, a sweltering day in Memphis, when his fellow golfers are dripping with sweat and exhausoon by the time

they reach the 17th hole.
"As a friend," Woods said recently. "I'd love to see him have a cart. But from a playing standpoint, is it an advantage? It could be.' Martin has a counterargument. He

believes the cart is a disadvantage. Not being able to walk, he argues, breaks up the rhythm of his game. He doesn't feel the greens as well as his opponents. Using a cart also makes him the subject of unwanted attendon. In a game as mental as golf, Martin sug-gests, that spotlight can be both humbling and distracting.

It is a tough call. And when this issue goes to federal court oo Feb. 2, the PGA is going to try legal maneuvering to prove that the American With Disabilities Act - the law Martin has invoked on his behalf -does not apply to their tour, because they are a "private" enoty not governed by the law.

It is an argument that major professional sports leagues love, and have used to court before. And the PGA is hoping that it will prevail again.
What is the fair way in handle Martin's situation? What is right?

Martin has dedicated his life to reaching this level, and is hoping to rise to the next one, to the PGA Tour itself. He has earned the right to be there. It would be devastating to Martin if the tour were to take that away.

Woods has suggested, hopefully, that he has seen Martin play as many as 36 holes a day without a cart during their days together at Stanford University. It is his way of looking for an answer without shutting out his haddy or turning his back on the tour. But it won't work.

Three years ago, Martin's leg was stronger than it is now. Far stronger. And three years from now, in all likelihood, it will be far weaker than it is now. If he can't tide in a cart, he can't

But is Martin going to cause irreparable harm to the sport if he is allowed to ride in a cart? That issue is Sports are supposed to be about a

level playing field. Does Martin's cart change that? Does it alter the basic nature of competition before the event takes place?

It's almost funny to hear some of

 $\textbf{\textit{Forget Tradition, PGA Should Bend No-Cart Rule}}$ these golfers compare the use of a cart in their sport to the use of a scooter by a foothall linebacker with a hum knee

or a second baseman with a bad back. Walking is not an integral part of golf. If it were, members of the Senior PGA Tour would not be allowed to ride golf carts in certain situations - a rule, hy the way, that will probably be devastating to the PGA's arguments in court. If walking were essenoal to the game, millions of people would not tee np every day at their country clubs with a cart by their sides.

Until now, though, the PGA and the Ladies Professional Golfers' Association have kept carts ont of their competitions. And there have been times when golfers have had to withdraw because of exhaustion, heatstroke and all kinds of ailments that might not have become overwhelming had they, too, been allowed to ride rather than walk.

So, why doesn't the PGA Tour simply allow carts and let each golfer make his own choice? Maybe it is tradioon that golfers

walk. But in this case, tradition equals discrimination. So, it's time to bid good-hye to tradioon for the sake of something else, something more important. Like fairness and progress. It is time for the PGA to just do what

A Close Call for the Blue Devils

Second-ranked Duke led by 24 points in the second half but had to hang on in the final seconds for its sixth-straight Atlantic Coast Conference victory, edging Clemson, 81-80, behind a season-high 23 points from Trajan Lang-

The victory by the host Blue Devils (16-1, 6-0) on Saturday night, coupled with No. 1 North Carolina's loss to

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Maryland last week, should give Duke the nation's top ranking for the second time this season.

The Tigers (11-6, 2-3), No. 5 in the preseason poll, trailed 55-31 early in the second hair — and by 19 points with 9:16 left -- before staging a furious comeback. Clemson rallied behind Terrell

McIntyre's outside game and Harold Jamison's inside power, running off a 30-12 streak before the final hecuc seconds. Langdon's 15-footer gave Duke an 81-78 lead with one minute left, but Jamison, who finished with 12 points, scored on a dunk 13 seconds

McLeod then missed with 19 seconds left and, after an exchange of turnovers, Clemson had two final chances to pull off the miracle. But McIntyre's 12-footer hit the front of the rim with three seconds left and lker lturbe's desperaoon shot at the buzzer also found Lawrence, Kansas, the Jayhawks oed a school record with their 55th straight home-court victory. Ryan Robertson hit a 3-pointer with 1:12 to play to give Kansas (21-2, 5-0 Big 12) a 65-58 lead, and then made two free throws with 45 seconds left for a 67-61 lead after Aaron Swartzendruber had made a 3-pointer for the Wildcats (11-4, 2-3).

No. 10 Connecticut 86, Georgetown 72 Kevin Freeman had 21 points and 13 rebounds and the host Huskies took over with a 21-4 run to start the second half.

Richard Hamilton had 25 points to lead UConn (16-2, 6-1 Big East), six in the run that allowed the learn to come back from a 44-42 halftime deficit to take a 63-48 lead. Georgetown (9-6, 3-5) never got closer than eight points the

rest of the way. No. 18 Xavier 77, Virginia Tech 66 In Cincinnati, Torraye Braggs matched his career high with 24 points and Lenny Brown led a 23-4 game-opening run. Xavier (11-4, 3-2 Atlanoc 10) led by

double digits the rest of the way. No. 19 Michigan 79, Ohio St. 61 In Columbus, Louis Bullock scored 28 points and was 5-of-7 from 3-point range and 13-for-13 from the foul line as the Wolverines won for the ninth time in

Boston College 64, No. 23 Marquette 54 Antonio Granger made four 3-pointers and tied his career-high with 22 points for the visiong Eagles. A sophomore guard, Juhn Cliff, had a careerhigh 17 points for Marquette (10-4).

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WORLD ROUNDUP

Bari Shocks Inter and Ronaldo

Unlikely Groupings In European Draw

SOCCER In a draw that may make post-World Cup life tough fer England, France, Yugoslavia and Croatia, the defending European champinn Germany escaped with a relatively smooth path to the 2000 European Championships.

The draw was made in Ghenr, Belgium, on Sunday.

England drew Bulgaria, Poland, Sweden and Luxembourg in its qualifying Group Five, with only the group winner assured of making the finals.

Yugoslavia and Croatia, who fought a six-month war in 1991, were drawn in the same Group Eight, which also included the former Yngoslav republic Macedonia. It will be the first time Yugoslavia and Croatia play each other as independent states.

The Yngoslav coach, Slobodan Santrac, played down any lingering animosity. "Our players are together in Real Madrid, the Italian and Spanish leagues. They are

France, which had complained bitterly about not being seeded at Sunday's draw, now faces Russia and a resurgent Ukraine in its qualifying Group Four.

Only Belgium and the Netherlands were able to sit back and enjoy the nerve-racking draw -as co-hosts they qualify antomatically for the ninth European Championship finals.

But Germany got a relatively easy draw, in the same group as Turkey, Finland, Northern Ireland and Moldova.

Annther tough qualifying group is Group One, featuring Italy, Denmark, Switzerland and Wales. Group Seven is evenly matched with Romania, Portugal, Slnvakia

and Hungary.

Qualifying begins in September, less than two months after the July 12 World Cup final. (AP)

Stangassinger Triumphs

SKIING The reigning Olympic champion, Thomas Stangassinger of Austria, won a World Cup slalom on Sunday in Veysonnaz, Switzerland, to collect his seventh career victory, while. Alberto Tomba crashed ont, missing out on his 50th.

Stangassinger was joined on the podium by two dark horses, Kristinn Bjomsson of Iceland and Kiminobu Kimura of Japan. Hermann Maier of Austria placed 10th to clinch the combined

Leader after the first leg, Stangassinger delivered annther highvelocity run on the icy, bumpy Piste de l'Ours for a two-run combined time of 1 minute, 38.12 seconds.

• In Zauchensee, Austria, Renate Goetschl gave the Austrian women their first World Cup victory in more than a year and Martina Ertl nf Germany elinched her second victory of the season on a busy day of racing Sunday.

Goetschl won the morning's downhill, finishing with a time of 1:30.10, while Ertl took the supergiant slalom three bours later, clocking in at one minnte, 25.90

India's Memorable Day

CRICKET India made cricket history Sunday when it beat its traditional rival, Pakistan, in a sensational finish with one delivery to spare to win the Independence Cup in Dhaka, Bangla-

. Chasing a mammoth victory target of 315 runs, India hit up 316 for seven with one delivery to spare. No other team has ever scored 316 runs while batting second in a one-day international. India owed its triumph to opener Saurav Ganguly's century, Robin Singh's g3 and Sachin Ten-dulkar's 41. (AP)

2d Loss Drops Milan's League Lead to One Point Over Juventus

The Associated Press Phil Masinga fired in the winner with 23 minutes left to lift Bari to a shocking 1-0 victory Sunday over the Italian League's leader, Internazionale of Milan, and the world player of the year,

Inter Milan's second loss in 16 matches this season — and first bome defeat - cut the club's lead in the standings from fnur points to just one over the defending champion, Juventus of Turin, which routed Bologna, 3-1.

Filippo Inzaghi scored twice in the first 19 minutes and Alessandro Del Piero tucked a 25-meter free kiek under the crossbar in the second half to lead

Juventus (10-5-1).
"This was a big day, psychologically," the Juventus coach, Marcello Lippi, said. "There are still 18 games left in the season, but getting closer now is an important boost.

Inter (11-3-2) was undone by its often shaky defense, which allowed Masinga to find space in front of the net. The South African, in his first Serie A campaign, netted his fourth goal by knocking in the rebound after Inter's gnalkeeper, Gianluca Pagliuca, failed to

handle his close-range header.

At the nther end, Ronaldo — the Brazilian who collected FIFA's top award last week for the second straight vear - was held without a goal for the fifth match in a row.

Juventus did not face its former star, Roberto Baggin, in the match at Bn logna Italy's 1994 World Cup hero refused to sit on the bench — since coach Renzo Ulivieri decided not to start him -- and walked nut nn the team Samrday night, a team official an-

nounced Sunday. Elsewhere, third-place Udinese fell further with its second straight 1-1 draw

against a club in the relegation zone. Last week it was against last-place Na-poli, this week it was 16th-place

Atalanta of Bergamo. Udinese trailed Atalanta before its German striker Oliver Bierhoff equalized in the 49th minute with his 12th goal of the season.

Streaking Lazio of Rome moved up to fourth place with a 3-1 comeback win at Fiorentina on goals by the Croat striker Alen Boksic, Roberto Rambaudi and the Czech midfielder Pavel Nedved.

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Fiorentina played with 10 men for the final 42 minutes after the Swedish midfielder Stefan Schwarz was expelled for a rough foul on Nedved.

prolific scoring, fullowing up last week's five-goal effort with a 3-1 victory at Lecce. Vincenzo Montella scored twice to raise his tally tn 13.

Sampdoria of Genoa continued its

In other games: Piacenza salvaged a 1-1 draw at AS Roma on a goal with four minutes remaining; Vicenza beat Em-poli, 1-0; and Brescia defeated Napoli, 3-0. AC Parma was hosting AC Milan late Sunday night.

SPAIN In Madrid, a goal from the
Italian international Christian Panucci

earned Real Madrid an unconvincing 1-O victory over lowly Salamanca, and put the defending champinn back at the top
of the league after its 21st-round game. Real Madrid now has 43 points from

12 victories, seven draws and two losses, just two points ahead of its arch rival FC Barcelona. Panucci's goal came in the 21st minute

of a lackluster game in which the Real Madrid failed to sparkle despite two just signed new stars, Savio of Brazil and Christian Karembeu of France, who

played from the start for the first time. Elsewhere, Real Sociedad held onto the No.3 spot but was defeated, 3-1, hy Racing de Santander.

. A goal from Vladimir Bestchastnykh gave the home team an early lead, converted to 2-0 in the 16th by a goal from Nelson Abeijon, a Uruguayan.

Real Sociedad looked threatening again when Darko Kovacevic scored in the glst, but Racing came back seven minutes later with a goal from Fernando Correa, another of its four Uruguayan

In another 21st-round upset, played Saturday, Atletico de Madrid was defeated, 2-1, by Valladolid. In that game, Santi Dania put the goal into his own

An equalizer from Francisco Narvaez kept Atletico in the game until Alea Perternac got Valladolid's second

In other games Saturday, Celta bear Espanyol, 1-0, with a goal from Juan Sanchez, and Oviedo trounced Zaragoza, 3-0, with the help of two goals from Roberto Pompei and one from Peter Polyouch Peter Dubovsky.
Other games Sunday included a 0-0

draw between Athletic de Bilbao and Beris. Compostela put on a better show, earning a 3-0 victory over Merida.

places away from the relegation zone and dented Chelsea's title hopes with a 3-1 victory Sunday at Goodison Park.

Strikes by Gary Speed and Duncan Ferguson and Cheisea defender Michael Duberry's goal into his nwn net, lifted Everton to 13th nf the 20 Premier League teams while the visitors remained third, seven points behind league-leading Manchester United, who can gn even further ahead Monday by winning at Southampton.



ENGLAND Everton moved up three Real Madrid's Raul Gonzalez, right, battling Salamanca's Marco Lan

GREECE Christos Maladenis scored two goals Sunday as AEK Athens beat PAOK Salonica, 3-0, at home, to regain the lead in the Greek first division.

After 18 rounds, AEK leads with 47 points, four ahead of Olympiakos Piraeus, which has played only 17 games. Olympiakos shares second place with Partathinaikos Athens. The Athens squad beat crosstown Panionios, 2-1. Maladenis opened the scoring for the

hosts a perfect pass from Daniel Batists in the 16th minute. Salonica's goalkeep. er Nikos Michopoulos saved a low short hy Batista with an outstretched leg in the 34th. In the 51st, AEK's goalie, Ilina. Atmadzidis, made a key save on a shot by: Dimitris Kapetanopoulos.

Five minutes later, Batista made the score 2-0 with a header off a free kid from Harris Kopitsis. It was Batista seventh goal of the season.

Australians Rally in Final **Swim Events**

The Associated Press

PERTH, Australia — Australia col-lected three gold medals on the final night of the world swimming championships Sunday while American swimmers won a pair, including Lenny Krayzelburg's golden double in the

Australia struck gold with Susie O'Neill in the 200-meter butterfly, Grant Hackett in the 1,500 meters and the men's 400-meter medley relay team and Michael Klim, who gave his team the lead on his butterfly leg of the relay to win his fourth gald medal of the meet.

The Americans finished second in the relay, the first time they have ever lost the event at a world championship or Olympic meet

Amy Van Dyken of the United States. a and medalist at the Olympic Games in Atlanta, won the 50-meter freestyle to give the Americans a total of 17 gold medals for the meet. Australia finished with seven first-place finishes.

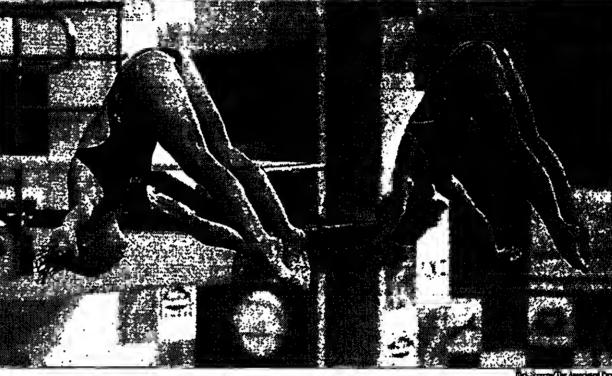
Krayzelburg, a Ukrainian-born competitor for the United States, whn won the 100 meters on Thursday, finished in 1 minute, 58.84 to edge Ralf Braun of Germany over 200 meters, with Mark Versfeld of Canada winning the

"Coming here my aim was to win the 100 and 200 backstroke," said Krayzelburg, 22. "Nnw that I've come away with a couple of guld medals I fee confident performing in this sort of

"It's the experience I didn't have in Atlanta."

The 22-year-old Krayzelburg be-came the first American to win the event since Rick Carey took the gold in it in 1982. Krayzelburg came to the United States from the former Soviet Union when he was a teenager.

O'Neill, whn passed the American swimmer Misty Hyman near the 150meter mark and then powered home to win in a meet-record 2:07.93, won a bronze in Rome in 1994 in the last world



Irina Lashko, left, and Julia Pakhalina of Russia making their final synchronized dive Sunday to win the gold.

Hyman in third.
'I was pretty nervous before the race,

because I really wanted it badly," said the 24-year-old O'Neill. "Maybe I can retire now."

O'Neill now holds butterfly titles at Commonwealth, Pan-Pacific, Olympic and world championship levels. Thomas also sped past Hyman on the final lap after the American had led for

the first 140 meters. "It was a hard race," said Thomas, 22. '1 gave myself the best chance I could, but Susie was the best on the

Van Dyken finished the 50 in 25.15 seconds ahead of Sandra Voelker of Germany in 25.32 and Shan Ying of

China, who won the bronze in 25.36.

The defending champinn, Le Jingyi of China, missed the race because nf injury. Jenny Thompson of the United. States, trying to win her fifth gold medal nf the meet, was fourth. Hackett's time of 14 minutes, 51.70

seconds was the fifth fastest in history to finish ahead of Emiliann Brembilla of

ehampinnships. Another Australian, Italy. The world record holder and Petria Thomas, was second, followed by Olympic champion, Kieren Perkins, did Olympic champion, Kieren Perkins, did not compete. He failed to qualify at the Australian trials when he was beaten by Hackett and Daniel Kowalski, the

bronze medalist Sunday. Earlier, Irina Lashko and Julia Pakhalina of Russia won the gold medal in the women's 3-meter springboard synchronized diving, and Dmitti Santin added the guld for 10-meter platform diving to his earlier 3-meter diving victory.

■ Chinese Assurances on Drugs

Assurances by Chinese swimming officials that six drug offenses at the world swimming championships are not a sign of systematic doping have been accepted by the sport's governing body, The Associated Press reported.

Gunnar Werner, the honorary sec-retary of FINA, the international swimming federation, said Sunday that there was nn reason to believe that because six Chinese were expelled from the meet, that was an indication of deeper problems in the Chinese system.

"It is not a systematic thing decided by the Chinese federation," Werner

said. "It is certain coaches and certain swimmers involved, and I'm sure the Chinese swimming federation is taking every step in order to stop this." Four Chinese swimmers tested pos-

itive for the divirctic triamterene while another teammate, Yuan Yuan, was suspended for four years after musclebuilding hormones were found in her bag on arrival in Sydney.
Yuan's coach, Zhon Zhewen, was
banned for 15 years after he told au-

thorities that he packed Yuan's bag. Abuse of diuretics carries a minimum two-year suspension for the first of-

Werner said it might be a good idea to follow the International Olympic Committee's lead and put diuretics nn a par with steroids.

Under FINA rules, steroids carry a minimum four-year ban, although the IOC and all nther Olympic sports or-ganizations have opted for two-year bans. Any change in the rules, .Werner said, would come about nuly after discussions by FINA's doping panel and executive committee, and would need to be ratified by the full congress.

Bird's Pacers Invade Boston To Win, 103-96

The Associated Press

BOSTON - The Boston Celtics saw Sanday what a winning basketball team looks like—not Larry Bird's three-time NBA champions of the 1980s, but the Indiana Pacers he now coaches.

, With the Celtics' 'Big Three' of Bird, Robert Parish and Kevin McHale looking on, Rik Smits scored 25 points to lead the Pacers to a 103-96 victory over Boston.

The Celtics retired Parish's No. 00 at halftime, picking this game so Bird

Bird, the coach, is earning the respect that he commanded as a player; NBA Roundup. Page 17.

could be present. But Nn. 33, taking the parquet floor for the first time with another team, stole the spotlight from his former teammate - first just by showing up, and then by coaching his team to victory.

Jalen Rose came off the bench with 20 points, Dale Davis added nine rebounds and Mark Jackson had 13 assists as Indiana won its fifth consecutive game.

Ron Mercer scored 21 for Boston and Antoine Walker had 16 fnr Buston. Walker was 5-for-18 shooting, but scored eight in a row in the fourth quarter as the Celtics rallied to tie it 93-93 with 2:18 left.

After Walker's 3-point play cut the lead to two with 3:26 to play, Indiana's Reggie Miller, who scored 20, hit two free throws and Chauncey Billings made a reverse lay-up to make it 93-91. Smits was called for a foul, allowing Andrew DeClercq to the score nn two free

Rose made one of twn free throws and then Miller hit a 3-pointer to make it 97-93 with 1:23 left. Smits got the rebound an a missed shot by Walker and then Miller made a lay-up tn ice the victory.

Bird played 13 years for the Celtics,
wnu three NBA titles and had his Nn. 33 retired by the team on Feb. 4, 1993.

Heat, Flies and Teenage Wannabes Poised for Australian Open Pressure Cooker

By Robin Finn New York Times Service

ELBOURNE — It isn't so simple to get your Grand Slam game face securely into place for the Australian Open, that below-the-equator gateway to the four-stop 1998 Grand Slam season.

The sunshine here almost packs more of a bite than the blowflies, and both tend to hover around the crowded show courts and the less desirable onter courts with nonpartisan fervor. The sun and the flies don't care who is seeded or who has the six-figure shoe contract: They burn and bite on an equal-opportunity basis.

That's something Venus Williams pointed out the first time she stepped onto a practice court last week in Sydney, where she and her sister, Serena. began their electrifying, element-defying Australian debut by reaching the singles semifinals of the Sydney Invitational in tandem.

The hard courts simmering underfoot are not merely hard, they are sometimes hot enough to melt sneakers. When Boris Becker, the 1996 champion, was toppled in the first round last year by Carlos Moya, the German complained of the frying-pan conditions. Becker, whose horrid Australian Open experience in 1997 was fodder for his resolution to play no more Grand Slam

on his bead while losing his match to Moya. Making a full two-week commitment to do

battle here until the final weekend is a tall order. Many top players wish they could confront the Australian Open, which begins Monday, a little later in the season. "It's not an easy one to win," said the top-

seeded Pete Sampras, who was victorious here in Venus Williams readles for Australian Open,

undaunted by loss in Sydney final. Page 17.

1994 and 1997 and can bring his Grand Slam total to 11, one shy of Rny Emerson's career men's record, with a successful defense. "There's the heat, which can get a little ex-

treme," he said. "There's a lot of outside factors

you don't have any control over. You've got to

be ready for everything." You even have to be ready, despite training for an outdoor event with sauna-like conditions, to have the stadium's retractable roof slam shut. Last year the players rebelled when the officials elected to exercise their roof opting simply because things got extra hot outside. The players banded together to protest the closing of the roof

under anything except rainy conditions. They did

the cartoon generation, either, but this year, there is a veritable teenage invasion.

Nn matter that Martina Hingis, the women's defending champion, is still a teenager. To the newcomers, the 17-year-old Hingis is merely another incumbent waiting to be defhroned by the likes of 15-year-old Mirjana Lucic of Croatia, the 16-year-old Anna Kournikova of Russia and the Williams girls, the threatening sisters from the United States.

Venus Williams, 17, who was runner-up to Hingis at the U.S. Open and has designs on the Nn. I ranking, beat Hingis last week en route to a runner-np finish in the Sydney International. Screna, 16, tuned up for this year's Grand Slam debut by wallnping such Tnp 10 types as Monica Seles and Mary Pierce in Chicagn.

witt, whn stunned Andre Agassi two weeks ago in Adelaide, is one of several bomegrown contenders for the championship. In these parts, international veterans are a vanishing breed. Besides Becker, prominent names on the list of absentees are such former champines as Steffi Graf, whose season-ending

health problems began here last year, and Seles,

The men's side of the Australian draw also has

its babes in arms. The 16-year-old Lleyton He-

events in 1998, said he could have grilled an egg not, they protested, train for air-conditioning. whose attentions to her ailing father/coach, Kaon his bead while losing his match to Moya. They did not train to test themselves against roll, mandated her withdrawal from this event, which she won in 1996.

Also missing will be the 1996 French Open champion, Yevgeni Kafelnikov; the 1996 Wimbledon champion, Richard Krajicek; Mary Joe Fernandez, an Australian Open runner-up in 1990 and 1992, and Jim Courier, the two-time champion, whn said he has come down with a case of "dead arm."

The most striking Australian Open debutantes are the Williams sisters, who took the city of Sydney by storm with their warm-up for this tournament. Venus gave her 1998 campaign a kick-start with a second-round ouster of Hingis, and Serena plowed through the qualifying competition and promptly sent a message to Lucic, in the opening round before stunning second-

seeded Lindsay Davenport. Her impressive run ended in the semifinals when she lost to Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, 6-2, 6-1. Sanchez Vicarin then beat Venus in the final

Saturday, 6-1, 6-3. Hingis held the rest of the tour hostage in 1997 by winning three of the four Grand Slam events. And she came within one match of winning a Grand Slam event for 1997 with her ranner-up finish to Iva Majoli at the French Open, a month after undergoing arthroscopic knee surgery.

But Hingis, beaten by Mary Pierce at the year-ending Chase Championships last November, also became the first No. 1-ranked woman to begin her season with an opening-round loss since the rankings were established in 1975. Hingis's loss to Venus Williams in Sydney

marked the first time since the spring of 1995 that the Swiss player had lost two matches in a row. So the Australian Open, which was supposed to set the stage for Graf's return after a prolonged absence occasioned by majnr knee surgery and for Seles's first campaign in Melbourne since she won the 1996 title, has instead become a scramble between a bumper crop of teenage wannabes and Hingis, who has already been

On the men's side, Sampras is the favorite to repeat as champion, but for the first time since 1981, there is an Australian seeded second. Patrick Rafter made a long-awaited professional breakthrough when he won his first Grand Slam event at the 1997 U.S. Open and climbed to the Nn. 2 spot in the world ranking.

Now, he is intent on repairing his unflattering history here where he has three first-round exits in six Australian Open appearances. Should Sampras falter in the first few rounds

and Rafter win the tournament, he could replace: